

Township of Georgian Bluffs c/o Carly Craig, Acting Clerk 177964 Grey Road 18 Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5 Via email to ccraig@georgianbluffs.ca

July 20, 2023

Dear Mayor Carleton and Council,

In the fiscal year of 2022-23, Grey Bruce Hospice supported 6 individuals who called the municipality of Georgian Bluffs home. This represents 3.2% of the 187 Grey Bruce residents that were cared for in their final days at Chapman House.

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) estimates that for every person who is cared for at a Canadian hospice, an additional 5 people (friends and family members) receive support services, including grief and bereavement supports. This puts the number of people served by Grey Bruce Hospice at 935 in just one year. That number continues to grow.

As you are aware, Grey Bruce Hospice receives partial funding for our operational costs each year from the Ministry of Health. However, this does not cover all costs and requires Grey Bruce Hospice to rely on our community to help raise an additional \$1.2 million+ every year through our fundraising efforts.

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of Grey Bruce Hospice Inc. to respectfully request support for our organization in the amount of \$5,000 a year for the next 3 years from the municipality. This financial support would assist Grey Bruce Hospice to continue to plan for the expected increase in needs for our community in a sustainable manner, while also allowing Council to account for the support in your annual budget planning.

If a deputation to Council is required for this request, we would be most happy to do so. If there is a different avenue that we should explore (i.e., community grant program or process), I would appreciate being directed to that information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. With gratitude,

Janet Fairbridge Executive Director

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