

## What's up with the Sea to Sky Community Hospice Project? March 2017 update

Some background:

- For some time, the Squamish Hospice Society (SHS) have been involved in a plan to renovate space at Hilltop House (South) and incorporate a four bed Hospice facility to serve the Sea to Sky Corridor. Initial budget estimates to complete the project are \$1,740,000 for the proposed renovations and upgrades and additions to the existing unused part of the old Hilltop House.
- The Provincial Government, on January 3rd 2017, announced that they have committed \$400,000 towards the creation of 4 Hospice Beds for the Sea to Sky Corridor. MLA Jordon Sturdy made the announcement at Hilltop House. In addition Keith McBain of VCH announced that operational funding for staffing the four bed hospice has been approved for April 1st 2019.
- The Squamish Hospice Society approached Bill McNeney and he agreed to head up the Capital Campaign Committee. Dr. Judith Fothergill would remain on as the medical lead for the project dealing with Vancouver Coastal Health who owns the property. To date the Capital Campaign Committee, have representation from Pemberton, Whistler and Squamish.

### Is there a target opening date for the facility?

Yes. We are focused to have the project open by April 2019

### Do you have any funds committed to date other than the \$400,000 by the Provincial Government?

Yes. We appeared before the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital Board on February 15<sup>th</sup>.and asked them under their charter to support the project to their maximum contribution of 40% of the projected Capital Cost. The board approved this request. This support would be over two years and amounts to \$696,000. Additionally, the Whistler Health Care Foundation has donated \$25,000.

### Does the Capital Campaign Committee have plan for the remaining funds?

Yes we do. We have put a value on the naming rights for the facility. The facility title is priced at \$600,000 for naming rights. In addition, we have four rooms that could be sponsored for naming at a target of \$100,000 per room. We also have a "Sacred Room" planned that could be named for a \$100,000 target. Other than that we are establishing levels of support recognition.

Those levels are:

- Platinum level: Starts at \$50,000
- Gold level: Starts at \$25,000
- Silver level: Starts at \$10,000
- Bronze level: Starts at \$5,000
- Supporter: Starts at \$1000



### **What is the target budget the committee is focused on?**

We are looking at a \$2,000,000 target since the estimates to date are with a +/- of 20%

### **Is there a floor plan people could look at?**

There is a preliminary design produced in the feasibility study. This will be further developed in the next phase of design.

### **Can people get involved at this stage?**

While we are going to need a larger committee as we get into the final steps of fundraising the initial Capital Campaign Committee is focused on getting our brochures and collateral for potential donors put together.

Please continue to check back here for more information on how you can get involved.

### **If we want to get a presentation for our group will you respond?**

Yes we will. While our immediate focus is on design and presentation to proposed large donors for items like naming rights we don't want anyone to feel ignored. Please email us:

[hospice.seatosky@vch.ca](mailto:hospice.seatosky@vch.ca)

### **Can we get in touch with anyone regarding fundraising?**

Certainly. Our Capital Campaign Chair is willing to take your calls. It is Bill McNeney and he can be reached at E-mail [bp-mcneney@telus.net](mailto:bp-mcneney@telus.net) or on his cell phone at 604,815-8366

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