



Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
c/o Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk
1925 Bruce Road 10
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Via online form

July 21, 2023

Dear Mayor Hammell and Council,

In the fiscal year of 2022-23, Grey Bruce Hospice supported 5 individuals who called the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie home. This represents 2.7% of the 187 Grey Bruce residents that were cared for in their final days at Chapman House. Of those 187 individuals, 54.5% of them lived outside the city of Owen Sound.

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 your 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