

# Request to Speak at a Meeting

If you are interested in appearing in person at a Council or Standing Committee meeting to present information or an opinion on a matter, please fill in the form below.

Please note: Your request must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. 10 days prior to the Committee or Council meeting.

**Full Name:** \*

Amanda Black

**Who are you representing? \***

Self

Group/Organization

**Group or Organization Name:** \*

McNally House Hospice

**Street Address:** \*

148 Central Ave

**Town/City:** \*

Grimsby

**Postal Code:** \*

L3M 4Z3

**How would you like us to contact you? \***

Email

Telephone

**Phone Number:** \*

[REDACTED]

## Presentation Details

**Which meeting would you like to present at? \*** 

Administration/Fire/Finance Committee

**Requested Meeting Date:** \*

6/21/2021



**What is the presentation topic? \***

McNally House Expansion

**Do you have a presentation (slide deck)? \***

Yes       No

**Please upload your presentation materials.**

**Have you presented before on this topic? \***

Yes       No

**Please provide details on your presentation. Include questions or requests of the Committee or Council. \***

A detailed request and outline will be shared in the next week.

Over the last three years, McNally House has been developing a plan to expand our services and widen our care model to better serve West Niagara. Working together with our partners in end-of-life care, this plan would go a long way towards easing the strain on Niagara's hospice care system.

Our vision will see McNally House Hospice expand and transform our service offerings with the inclusion of a new Day Hospice, to provide desperately needed support and care from the time a person is first given a life-limiting diagnosis.

Dying is more than just a medical event. It has an existential impact on the lives not only of the patient but of their family, friends and community. Nothing confronts us more than when we must confront dying.

There can be up to a two-year journey from the time a person receives a diagnosis to when their life ends. It is a very difficult period, both for the person living with the diagnosis and for their family and friends, and there are few supports to help those affected to get through this challenging time.

The current six-bed hospice will be converted to form the heart of McNally House's Day Hospice, providing unique services and programs for patients and families to fill that gap.

Hospices across Ontario have added, or are adding, Day Hospices, and McNally's new program follows these best practices, expanding our services beyond what we can currently provide. The new program will feature counselling and deep conversations, pain management, bereavement support and activities that make life worth living like art, craft, meditation, exercise, cooking and group talks: all in a compassionate and understanding environment.

The new McNally House Day Hospice will facilitate these needs with rooms for one-on-one counseling, a group area for people to share stories, spaces for caregivers to recharge, a space for people to learn to cope, and beautiful gardens to bring calm. This new space will bring relief and support for exhausted families, friends, and caregivers at a time when they need it most and it will help those facing life-ending illness re-engage in many of the activities of life that give living its true meaning and value.

This is the future of palliative care. With Day Hospice services, we can support hundreds more people and their caregivers, compared to the 450 per year we serve today.

As part of this expansion, McNally House will also construct an all-new ten-bed hospice, increasing our residential care capacity by almost 70 per cent. This new facility will incorporate an overnight suite for families and loved ones, a family recreation room, new outdoor spaces and a new memorial garden. New family spaces will provide dignity and comfort for those staying by the side of their loved ones.

# Collection of Personal Information

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Any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information should be addressed to the Township Clerk:

- Email: [clerk2@westlincoln.ca](mailto:clerk2@westlincoln.ca)
- Telephone: 905-957-3346

# Thank You

Thank you for your submission. Please be advised that you will be contacted by email or by phone by a member of the Clerk's Department to confirm your appointment, provide further details and/or clarify any issues.