

February 26, 2026

**The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
Deputy Premier of Ontario
Suite A
3rd Floor
180 Broadway Ave.
Orangeville, ON L9W 1K3**

Subject: Request for Immediate and Sustainable Operating Funding – Huron Hospice (2 Hospice Beds)

Dear Minister Jones:

On behalf of the Council and residents of the Town of Goderich, I am writing to express our strong support for sustainable and immediate operating funding for Huron Hospice.

The Town of Goderich community came together with extraordinary generosity to fundraise, build, and equip two additional hospice beds to meet growing regional demand. The expansion was approved, constructed, and has consistently demonstrated the need for these services, with occupancy levels exceeding eighty percent (80%) over the past eighteen (18) months. The demand is clear, and the community commitment undeniable.

Hospice care is not a luxury; it is an essential component of a compassionate and effective healthcare system. These beds provide dignity at end of life, relieve pressure on acute care hospitals, and ensure families can remain close to their loved ones during their most vulnerable moments.

An annual investment of approximately one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) per bed represents not only humane care but sound healthcare planning. Without stable operating funding, the sustainability of these much-needed beds is at risk despite the community having fulfilled every requirement asked of it.

We respectfully request immediate confirmation of ongoing operating funding for the two expanded hospice beds and would appreciate a written response outlining next steps.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for your continued commitment to the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Yours sincerely,



Trevor Bazinet
Mayor