



VOICES & CHOICES

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Read This Article!

A long-term care home is no place for younger people with disabilities

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“Last Wednesday, Jonathan Marchand rolled up onto the lawn of Quebec’s National Assembly and parked his wheelchair in a three-by-three metre cage. He has vowed to stay there until he is “freed” from the long-term care facility where he has lived for almost a decade, and can return home.”

Read this article if you want to know why Voices & Choices was formed. (Thanks to Phil McNeely)

More Care Funding

V&C will continue to advocate for LHIN care funding for those that seek supportive living.

Participation House in Town

PHSS - Medical & Complex Care in Community is now officially partnered with the Champlain LHIN to provide assisted living services/supportive housing to 2 individuals with complex needs in Ottawa. After considerable searching for an accessible 3 bedroom apartment with a roll-in shower, PHSS was able to rent a 3 bedroom bungalow in Orleans,



one of the 8 adjoined bungalows formerly owned by Melkart Developments (shown above), with the assistance of Filament Realty, the property manager still involved in the rental accommodations. The owner has agreed to make the necessary doorway adjustments using his own builder workforce. This is a very good start for PHSS serving the needs of physically disabled persons in Ottawa, to complement their existing property in Beacon Hill housing persons with developmental disabilities under PHSS care.



Chris Binkowski and his work at <https://stopgapottawa.ca/> is very encouraging. Thanks Chris.

WEBINARS:

Martha Beach arranged a special interview for DANEO with a family group in Peterborough called Shared Dreams - <https://shareddreams.ca/educate/>

Have a look at their website about their plans for building a home, but also financing supports..

Housing Studies

Supportive Housing Case Studies: How supportive housing in Ontario and British Columbia is developed and operated.

<http://www.cahdco.org/supportive-housing-case-studies/>

Voices & Choices Website

Linda and Dave have done a very nice job of setting up a website to capture matters of interest, discussions, and issues that people face on a day to day basis.

The site will include:

- a calendar of events.
- a “living” agenda set by members expressed interest.
- Minutes of meetings and updates of discussions.

As per Linda’s previous notes, membership will be financially free, is based on relationships and participation at meetings or virtual attendance, and open to anyone including adults with disabilities, parents, siblings, supporters and friends.

Housing Survey

Giselle Doyle has been working very hard on a survey of families and individuals across Ottawa who would be interested in community housing.

- rent or own - divide group accordingly?
- how many units?
- how many families in East how many West?
- Meet with Developer?
- how many units East and West?
- rent or purchase”?
- inclusive?
- when?
- provide funding possibilities?

If any readers have some questions, priorities or needs, please send them along directly to Giselle at doyle1729@gmail.com . Giselle also provided an informative housing link from CAHDCO <https://wp.me/p760IR-w8>

Banjoman’s Tune of the Month

<https://youtu.be/0AMuq46gEwU>