



January 2018 Newsletter



Our first Board Meeting of the year focused on next steps for Elk Valley Hospice and wrapping up projects that have been in the works.

The most exciting item is the ceiling lift for room 45 at the Elk Valley Hospice! We are excited to report that we have a tentative installation date of January 22nd, but this will depend on when the hospital can accommodate it. Fingers crossed that it all goes smoothly and we can launch it in the Free Press with a big splash!



Next, we discussed the Virtual Reality project (which many of you got to experience at the Volunteer Appreciation night). Regrettably, Telus could not commit to getting us the phone we

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would need, so we are exploring other options, but the Board did commit funds for buying the goggles and we are definitely going forward with the great idea thanks to Darcie Musil & Hugh Tennant!

The acquisition of a laptop for room 45 is also moving forward. We have a potential donation of a laptop that needs to be vetted by Hugh before he can install it in the room, so we'll see what happens there, but it looks like room 45 is going high tech – what with the installation of the ceiling lift, the virtual reality, and a laptop! 😊



Directory of Services

Our last big project that is in the works is our Directory of Services for clients and their families. Work is well underway thanks to Sandra's efforts, and a draft version will soon be available for viewing. We have come up with a very affordable pricing strategy for 'sponsors/advertisers'. All listings will be free, but any business cards, descriptions, coupons will be priced at \$15 for 1 black & white or \$20 for 2; \$20 for one colour or \$30 for two, and this is for every 100 copies of print. If you or anyone you know would like to be included in the booklet, please let Sandra know. She and board members will be going out into the community to ensure we don't miss anyone. Thanks so much Sandra!



Kiosk Cart

Thanks to Sandra, we will now have a cart that we can store in the kiosk to take around to hospital patients with items they may need. As patients don't keep money in their rooms, we would like to put toiletry items in the cart that we can give away, so **when you travel**, please collect hotel toiletries & consider donating them to the Kiosk cart!

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Client Intake



We still have one client at the Rocky Mountain Village, so anyone willing to volunteer their time, please make sure you contact Elke to be put on the schedule. Also, watch for an announcement regarding our policy on flu shots or masks being required by sitting volunteers during the highly contagious flu season!

Donations – Support our Supporters!



In addition to our individual donations, we have received donations from organizations, companies, and retailers in our local community and we very much wish to encourage you to support our supporters as a way to say thank you! Again, in no particular order, we encourage you to support Fernie Cardlock, Teck, Fernie Real Estate Company Ltd., Ann's Independent Grocer, Elk Valley Pro Life, Ghost rider Trading Company, Fernie Senior Citizens Society & Drop in Centre, Fernie Quilters Guild, Fernie TD Bank, Total Maintenance Services, Fernie Stationers, and the Stock Breeders! Without their support, we would not be able to continue to provide the services we offer!

AGM

We have set a date for our next annual general meeting where a new board of directors will be elected. The date is April 25th and more details of time & place will be forthcoming, but please save the date. And if you know anyone who is willing to join the board, please encourage them to come to the meeting. We will be losing up to 4 directors this year & need your help!

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