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Heron Hospice Society announces service expansion

Delta, BC – Heron Hospice Society of Delta (HBSD) is pleased to announce the launch of expanded programs and services.

HBSD will now offer counselling support to Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation land residents who are facing end of life or struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one. Society President, Chris Pettypiece says “Dealing with loss, uncertainty, and change, as well as having to make decisions associated with an advanced illness, can be as difficult as the physical pain.” Through counselling sessions, individuals will have a safe place to express their emotions without being judged. At this time, one on one sessions with a registered counsellor will be held via telephone or Zoom. This new program was made possible by the success of the Heron Hospice Classic Golf Tournament held in September.

As well, the Society is finalizing a partnership with Fraser Health Authority to develop and provide volunteer services to individuals/families receiving palliative care in Delta. Specially trained hospice volunteers will complement health care services by providing information, companionship and comfort to individuals and families at the Irene Thomas Hospice or in the community.

“With the growth and scope of our operations, as well as anticipated increase in the ability to offer in-person services, we are actively pursuing arrangements to have a physical workspace to better facilitate and support our clients and volunteers.” added Pettypiece. “A new workspace will allow additional services including Therapeutic Touch®, support group meetings, relaxation sessions and more so we hope to be settled in early next year.” Pettypiece continued “we are reminded regularly of how much this community cares about its citizens and how supportive they are of what we are creating through the Heron Hospice Society.”

Recently, Heron Hospice Society of Delta held its first annual general meeting. Elected to the Board of Directors were Hari Aroon, Kerry Bentley, Daniel Boisvert, Janice Peace and Wayne Peace. They join Chris Pettypiece, Paul Witt, Decima Mitchell and Sharon Farrish to make up the 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

For more information about volunteering or counselling support, please email info@heronhospice.org or leave a message at 604 245 7380.

Heron Hospice Society of Delta provides compassionate care and support to people with life limiting illness and their families; and supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Membership in the Society is limited to residents of Delta aged nineteen or older. Please consider joining Heron Hospice Society of Delta and/or making a donation to help maintain quality end of life support that all Delta citizens deserve.

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