



**Ms. Gina McIntee,**  
Vice President, Board of Directors,  
Road to Recovery- Haldimand Inc.,  
Dunnville, ON.

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

**The Honourable Michael A. Tibollo,**  
Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions,  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions,  
777 Bay Street,  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2J3

Honourable Michael A. Tibollo,

It is very important that you are aware of our efforts and successes with our community initiative that is supporting addictions recovery in Haldimand County. Thank you for taking the time to view this correspondence.

Our vision is to bring comprehensive addiction services to Haldimand, both day and residential programming. This incorporates a variety of healing modalities, in support of substance abuse recovery. Such modalities may include: validated programs such as “The Redpath Addictions Treatment Program”, visual arts, music, yoga/mediation, storytelling, recreation, nutritional and spiritual care (non-denominational). Strong, transparent, seamless and mutually beneficial partnerships with other local providers that share our vision, will be a cornerstone to success. One of our goals is to “change the dialogue” related to substance abuse! Evidence produced through international academic research, clearly demonstrates that stigmatization is a barrier to accessing treatment.

***Road to Recovery - Haldimand*** will establish space, that will provide rental opportunities for agencies that share our values. We will contribute, in partnership, to comprehensive addiction services in Haldimand. We will also be partnering with academic researchers to produce new knowledge in the area of addictions treatment and recovery.

Community members and their families will have access to education and enhanced wellness options, beyond current availability- right here in Haldimand! Important to note, there will be no need to leave our community with the additional concerns such as, but not limited to, access to transportation and its associated costs.

***Road to Recovery - Haldimand*** began as a grassroots group of community members with the intention of bringing the “Redpath Addictions Treatment Program” to Haldimand. We hosted a fundraising golf tournament in August 2019 that far exceeded our initial fundraising goals. This

clearly demonstrates the impressive level of community support for our vision, as well as a shared understanding of the tremendous need for addiction services in Haldimand. Taking advantage of this momentum, we applied for and have successfully received our not for profit status and are now awaiting our designation as a charitable organization.

Our first "Redpath Addictions Treatment Program" started October 15th and we have been overwhelmed with the volume of potential participants. We are also proud to say that Road to Recovery's first Addictions program is at full capacity with a waitlist.

We have implemented a peer support group that is currently partnered with the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic at Haldimand War Memorial Hospital. We have also started a much needed recovery support group, "Freedom from Addictions" on Saturday evenings. It is important to note that ***Road to Recovery - Haldimand*** and the "Redpath Addictions Treatment Program" are open to any community member experiencing problematic substance use.

We have met with our local municipal councillors and with our MPP – Toby Barrett. At this time we are requesting operational funds to support our vision and ongoing mission of inclusion and options for addictions recovery in Haldimand County. We appreciate your insight and commitment to mental health and addictions and look forward to speaking with you.

Best wishes,

*Gina McIntee*

Vice President

Road to Recovery - Haldimand  
Board of Directors.

Cc: Board of Directors