Distributed at the Planning and Development Council Meeting of August 6, 2019 Re: Item 9 – Recommendation Report, Zoning By-law Amendment, Acclaim Health and Community Care Services, 2250 Speers Road, Z.1628.01

Email received from Task Force Member, Acclaim Health Zoning By-Law Amendment

From: Paul Glover Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:51 PM To: Town Clerk Cc: <u>mcameron@acclaimhealth.ca</u> Subject: Support of Acclaim Health's Zoning By-Law Amendment Z.1628.01

Town Clerk Dear Madam/Sir,

Please accept this letter in support of Acclaim Health's Zoning By-Law Amendment Z.1628.01 in lieu of my attending the meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

I am on the Task Force for Acclaim Health's Zoning Building Better Days Campaign as a "Caregiver".

My husband Paul was on the Board of Halton VON/Acclaim Health for many years, during which time the building at 2370 Speers Rd, Oakville was purchased and renovated to accommodate offices as well as the Alzheimer's Day Program, and later a connection was made with Sheridan College to move the Program to their location.

All well and good.

Paul was diagnosed with FrontoTemporal Dementia/Degeneration in 2008. Retired life became very interesting and active, even as time passed.

The lawnmower, empty gas tank, made trips around the pool cement surround as well as the driveway, sidewalk and front lawn. One time, it came in the backyard door and almost made it up the 3 steps into the kitchen!

The snow shovel kept everything outside cleared off during the winter. We had the greenest lawn too!

The garage door never knew whether to stay up or down. We were always going out in the car "to get something".

The vacuum cleaner, clean clothes in the laundry basket, newly purchased boxed items, etc were retrieved from the curb on garbage collection days and later on any day.

Bedtime was getting shorter and shorter.

I think it was in 2012 that Paul became a Client of the Alzheimer/Adult Day Program after a cry for help to Angela Brewer at Acclaim Health. One day a week became two,

then possibly three??? I was often asked if I took naps on my "days off". Nope, too busy getting things done that couldn't get done.

So, where were overnight respite facilities in Halton?

In June 2013, Paul was accepted at The Adams Centre, behavioural unit, at Linhaven Home in St Catharines.

In March 2014, Paul had "graduated" and was accepted at Billing's Court Manor in Burlington.

On Mother's Day 2019, Paul slipped peacefully away.

I cannot thank everyone enough for the care given to Paul over the years at each of the facilities accepting him. Our wish had been to grow old together and take care of each other. That was not to be.

Paul would be very proud of what Acclaim Health is attempting to accomplish for now and for the future. I am.

Sincerely, Marian Glover Sent from my iPad