



Transfer of Ownership of Roseway Manor- A Long-Term Care Facility in Shelburne County

At recent respective council meetings, the Town of Shelburne, the Municipality of Shelburne and the Town of Lockport made motions to transfer ownership of Roseway Manor to a private for-profit entity. The Manor is currently a Municipal Corporation owned by the three municipal units.

In recent discussions with staff at the Provincial Department of Seniors, the various options to transfer ownership were discussed with the two Towns, the Municipality, and the Board of Roseway Manor. As owners, the three municipalities carefully reviewed all options, keeping the Manor residents first and foremost in mind as well as staff and the community.

The information provided to the municipalities outlined that long-term care facilities are licensed by the Province of Nova Scotia and both not-for-profit and for-profit organizations are required to follow the same standards; the per diem rate would remain the same and both would likely maintain staff and continue to encourage community members to volunteer. Some of the differences are that a not-for-profit would involve recruitment of volunteers who would need to bring a matrix of skill sets required to govern a long-term care facility, whereas a for-profit, that specializes in long-term care services, would manage the facility. The liability of managing such a facility would reside with those community volunteers in a not-for-profit organization versus with the owners in a for-profit organization.

Considering this information, the Councils for the three municipalities all made the decision to transfer ownership to a private for-profit organization. The municipalities will ask the Province of Nova Scotia to call for a Request for Proposals for a new facility to be built and operated by a private for-profit entity, replacing the three municipalities as owners and request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs disband the municipal corporation. This process will take time and as it moves forward, the Manor will continue to operate and provide quality services and care to residents. The three municipalities recognize and value the staff who provide excellent care and realize they are important to the future of Roseway Manor.

There are 84 long-term care facilities in Nova Scotia; 14% are owned by municipal corporations, 44% by for-profit organizations and 42% by not-for-profit organizations. In Shelburne County we have examples of each model; a not-for profit facility in Barrington, Bayside Home and a for-profit in Lockport, MacLeod Surf Lodge Nursing Home. Both provide excellent care to their residents.

