

## **HAWTHORNE PLACE CARE CENTRE: UPDATE TO STAFF**

June 19, 2020

Today is Friday, June 19th, and this is Gale Coburn, Executive Director, calling with a COVID-19 update.

It has been a busy week for us with lots planned in the days ahead.

North York General Hospital is hosting two virtual staff town halls on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, June 23 at 10 a.m. There are two options for joining. The first is using your computer to join via Microsoft Teams and the second is to participate by phone. Both the MS Teams link and the conference call number have been posted to the Hawthorne Place website under Staff Resources. If you have questions for North York General Hospital you can email them ahead of time and they will ensure they are answered during the session. The email address is Hawthorne @ N-Y-G-H dot O-N dot C.A.

Earlier this week I mentioned we are creating plans to carefully reopen the home to visitors. We will be sharing the specific protocols with you in advance of the visits resuming. I know staff are looking forward to the visitors almost as much as residents and family members.

To round-off a week of good news, this afternoon we held a small celebration to thank the Canadian Armed Forces for their support. We expect they will wrap up their deployment next week, as Hawthorne Place continues to stabilize and has the additional support of North York General. We are immensely grateful for their service and along with the dedication of our front-line staff, it has been a team effort tackling COVID-19. They have our most heartfelt thanks.

My next update will be on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, with another reminder about the virtual town halls for staff. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.