



### **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Apsley) Community Care Provides Greater Ease**

The Community Care Peterborough (Apsley office) has received an incredible amount of support in response to the December fire at Sayers Foodtown, and is helping to provide greater ease for everyone in North Kawartha, regardless of their age or circumstance.

As a result of their Be A Lifeline Campaign, Community Care, who has been serving the City and County of Peterborough for over 30 years, is now able to provide free transportation services related to food security for the entire community, as well as a meals on wheels subsidy for those in need.

“We would like to remind everyone that these services are intended for all North Kawartha residents who have been impacted by the fire,” said Sarah McCall – Community Development Coordinator. “The purpose of these extra supports is to ensure we are all getting through this with greater ease.”

During the day, on Wednesdays, there is a fully accessible van to take people to Bancroft or Lakefield and on Tuesdays and Fridays there is a bus from Hamilton Bus Lines to take people to Bancroft No Frills. Pre-booking is required.

For community members who are not available to receive these supports during the day, Community Care has volunteer drivers that are willing to fill requests outside of their normal business hours too.

“We have also seen an increase in the use of the bus service provided by Hamilton Bus Lines and in the use of our Caremobile – our accessible vehicle,” added McCall. “We also have received shopping requests that our volunteer transportation program drivers have been able to accommodate.”

Community Care has also referred clients to the Foodbank too.

“One of our office volunteers, who also volunteers at the Foodbank, has been very gracious in shopping for clients first at the Foodbank, then driving to Bancroft NoFills to complete the orders,” said McCall.

There has been an incredible amount of support from folks who have offered their services to help with grocery pick-ups and deliveries, and Community Care is very grateful.

“We are currently working with our volunteer base to support all our services, and I will reach out to those who have offered if/when the time comes,” added McCall.

For more information about transportation services for North Kawartha residents contact the Apsley office at (705) 656-4589 or by visiting [www.commcareptbo.org/BeALifeline](http://www.commcareptbo.org/BeALifeline).

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