

## Walking Through a Client's Journey with the Parish Nurse

May, 2015

Gerard, our choir leader asked if anyone had seen Herb, no one replied. Gerard glanced at me, the Parish Nurse. I didn't know Herb well but came home and made calls to locate him and went to visit. I found him confused and unwell. Concerned, I returned to the church to tell them my concern. Ruth sent someone to St. John's and Herb was transferred to North York General Hospital where he had studies of his brain done and was then transferred to St. Michael's Hospital where he had abscesses in his brain aspirated under CT guidance.

Herb was transferred back to North York General Hospital where he stayed until July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 when he was discharged to a respite home where he lived until February, 2017.

In early 2016, Herb showed me documents he received when discharged from North York General Hospital. He didn't understand what the documents meant. I took the papers home to read and learned that Herb had been reviewed by a Capacity Advisor and his rights to make financial and real estate decisions had been revoked and were being managed by the Public Guardian and Trustee.

Herb felt totally lost and helpless and did not know he had already passed the first date to request Capacity Reassessment. Herb was very upset to learn his situation and to learn what was required to get out of his situation, but we proceeded to book an appointment for assessment by a Capacity Assessor at St. Michael's Hospital which was booked in June 2016. Herb was successful.

Herb was found capable to manage his own finances and real estate. Herb had realized he wanted to live at Sheppard Village and had put his name on the list at Sheppard Village. He patiently waited until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 when a unit became available for him.

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