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on **October 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**Local counselling centre renamed Porchlight**

By Irene Schmidt-Adeney

The Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries (FCCCND) has “dropped the long geography” from its name, and is now Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services.

“After welcoming the Cambridge Addiction Services program to our team in 2019 and going through a Strategic Planning process in 2022, our Board and Staff decided that our organization needed a new name that better reflected the breadth of programs and services we offer,” said Executive Director Cameron Dearlove.

The new name and branding identity was announced on Tuesday, October 11 at the Men’s Recovery Home located at Wanner Mennonite Church in Cambridge.

“To arrive somewhere – perhaps after a long and difficult journey - to find the Porchlight has been left on tells you that you have arrived at a place where people care about you,” said Dearlove. “This is the feeling we want everyone walking through our doors to have: no



From left: Porchlight Treasurer Ray Ward, Porchlight Executive Director Cameron Dearlove, and MPP Bryan May.

matter your journey, we are leaving the Porchlight on because we care about you, and we are glad that you arrived.”

The FCCCND began offering services in North Dumfries in 1998 and after several moves was provided with an office as part of the North Dumfries Community Health Centre, located at the North Dumfries Community Complex (NDCC). The organization also offers the Young at Heart community lunches offered for seniors every Friday at Knox United Church.

“For over two decades our organization has been serving North Dumfries, and this will

continue to be a priority for us,” said Dearlove. “We have staff on-site in Ayr four days a week, both for providing counselling as well as community outreach. Always popular is our seniors’ lunch held every Friday at Knox Church with over 50 seniors attending each week. It is our hope that our work in North Dumfries only continues to grow in our next chapter as Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services.”

In-person counselling is offered at the NDCC location on Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Community Outreach is offered at the NDCC

on Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Young at Heart Lunches are Fridays at 12:00 noon at Knox United Church.

The nine-member Board of Directors including three members from North Dumfries (Ayr): Treasurer Ray Ward, Jessica Bellamy, and Sherri Tryon-Hughes. Other board members include: Ex-officio Cameron Dearlove, President Diana Drackley, Natalie Green, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Tara Chapman, and Janet Jones.

For information or hours of service, email info@porchlightcdn.org or call 519-621-5090, extension 251.

**CP Holiday Train entertainment announced for Ayr stop**

The CP Holiday Train returns to a full schedule of live stops this year after a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the stops is at Ayr’s Northumberland Street crossing on Wednesday, November 30th at 5:20 p.m. The train is scheduled to stop for 40 minutes.

During the stop, a converted box car becomes a stage and this year’s performers for the 30-minute show include Lindsay Ell and the group Texas Hill.

Calgary’s Lindsay Ell has two Canadian #1 country music singles and, in 2021 received her third Canadian Country Music Award win.

Texas Hill is the country-bluegrass-blues trio of Craig Wayne Boyd, Adam Wakefield and Casey James.

To accommodate the thousands of people anticipated to attend the event in Ayr, several streets will be closed to parking. The streets include: Inglis, Willison, Colquhoun, Elliot, Thompson, Cooper and Newell Streets.

After leaving Ayr, the next stop is Woodstock at 199 Winniett Street, arriving at 6:40 p.m.

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