

Spring 2021 Community Update



Hello neighbours of Crestview and the greater St. James area. We are delighted to update you on the construction of the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre – it is ahead of schedule and on budget! We look forward to welcoming the first group of those seeking recovery at Bruce Oake as early as **mid to late May 2021**. We are only weeks away—this will not be the finish line, but rather the starting line—the point at which we can begin saving lives.



Introduction to Greg Kylo, MSW, B. Comm (Hons) Executive Director of the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre

I have great memories of growing up in Charleswood and spent a lot of time in the Crestview area with friends. I feel very honoured to be back in the neighbourhood in the role of Executive Director for the Centre having moved back home from Ontario nearly a year ago. After high school I pursued a degree in commerce and had a 10-year business career in Toronto. More recently, I went back to school to obtain a Master of Social Work as a clinical mental health and addiction practitioner.

Most importantly, I am a person in long term recovery. Fifteen years ago I began my own journey of recovery - I was admitted to two residential treatment centres in Ontario during that time. I would not be here today without that support and the care of so many family and friends.

May 31st marks my 15-year recovery anniversary. By that time, if all continues smoothly with construction, we will have started the delivery of long-term evidence-based addiction treatment in our world-class centre at 255 Hamilton. It is an honour to be giving back in our community and I look forward to meeting you. Please visit our new website to find out more

www.bruceoakerecovery.ca

Bruce Oake Recovery Centre

Things you might want to know about your new neighbours?

1. Will the community be able to use the gymnasium?

Based on feedback from the community an investment was made to ensure public access to the gymnasium is possible. This included creating a special entrance to the facility and a public use change room. The full size and fully functioning gymnasium will be accessible to the community during certain times of the week that do not conflict with residential treatment programming. A schedule and registration process is being developed in consultation with St. James residents. Once available, you will be able to access this information on our website www.bruceoakerecovery.ca

2. How can we access information and/or have our concerns addressed?

The most up to date information can be found on the Centre's website www.bruceoakerecovery.ca and through the Contact Us page. If you have any concerns about the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre, please contact our Executive Director, Greg Kylo at greg@bruceoakerecovery.ca

3. What type of volunteers will be required? How can someone volunteer? Who would they contact? A process for enrolling as a volunteer will be posted on our website in May. Thank you to all those who have supported the Centre and individuals in our community struggling with substance use and addiction...recovery takes a village.

4. Is the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre hiring? Where will paid positions be posted?

We have a variety of positions we are recruiting for and positions are posted on the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre's website under careers: www.bruceoakerecovery.ca

5. Will street parking around the centre become 2 hours only like around the hospital?

The centre has plenty of room in the parking lot for staff and day to day operations. We do not expect the city to limit street parking to 2 hours.

To get involved with the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre please consider joining our Community Committee. For more information, please email us at info@bruceoakerecovery.ca