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Brentwood has a New Board, a New Strategy and a New Look

Windsor, On- Following an extensive recruitment effort, Brentwood Recovery Home Supervisor Mark Walton is announcing a new Board of Directors. The new Board and updated bylaws allows for 12 alumni members and 4 community members to govern the organization. “We had so many interested applicants there were many difficult decisions to make. We spent a lot time interviewing people, reading resumes, and getting to know candidates”, noted Walton. “I can’t express my gratitude enough to the many people who applied and for those who have a passion for addictions care in this community. What I heard loud and clear is that as a community, we want to Brentwood to succeed - and we can do that together”. Key next steps for the new Board will be hiring an Executive Director and executing on the new strategic plan; including its new mission, vision and values.

The new Board will assume its governance authority for the organization on October 7, 2020. Chairing the Brentwood Board will be Dr. Sonja Grbevski, who also serves as Vice President of Mental Health and Addictions at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare. Regarding her appointment, Grbevski shared, “I am honoured to have been selected as the Chair of the Brentwood Board of Directors. Brentwood has been an advocate for Windsor-Essex providing services to citizens struggling with various types of addictions in this community for many years. As a member of this community, I hope my input and my commitment will help Brentwood Recovery Home be prepared to face the challenges towards recovery from addictions and continue to move forward in a positive way. I would like to thank Mark Walton for his leadership over the 6 months”.

Board members include:

Sonja Grbevski	Community	Chair
Zane Handysides	Alumni	Vice Chair
Monica Staley Liang	Community	Treasurer
Criss Ann Ellis-Sandre	Alumni	Secretary
Norma MacDonald	Alumni	Director
Darin Baker	Alumni	Director
William Thibodeau	Alumni	Director
Klaas Van Wieren	Alumni	Director
Greg Labord	Alumni	Director
Donna Ryan	Alumni	Director
Ken Courtney	Alumni	Director
Mark Caron	Alumni	Director
Ervin Keczem	Alumni	Director
Bryan Marshall	Alumni	Director
Janis Cramp	Community	Director
Priyanka (Priya) Philip	Community	Director

In addition to the new board, Brentwood has also undergone a brand makeover.



Following community and alumni consultation, the new logo that was chosen demonstrates a fresh start for the organization. In its most symbolic terms, the two trees can be seen as the same tree in different stages, sharing a space and supporting one another; much like the care and support that is offered at Brentwood to all people in different stages of their recovery.

Walton further expressed, "Brentwood has undergone a lot change recently and I know they are going to be well positioned for future success. Their new look is a great depiction of how they will continue to grow and thrive. We have assembled an excellent group of individuals that bring a diverse set of experiences, perspectives, and skills to the new Board. I am also confident I have appointed a strong and compassionate Chair who is in tune with what Brentwood does well and what potential it holds. Today's health care world is ever changing and this Board will be well equipped to help Brentwood succeed now and for years to come".

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