

ASLS DESIGNATED SUPPORTIVE LIVING PROJECT

The ASLS Designated Supportive Living Project (DSL) will house independent seniors, who are preparing for their future care needs, seniors and individuals who have been designated by the Health Region to require Designated Supportive Living (DSL) services, and individuals from the community who require respite care and/or day programs.

The services may be designated and funded by the health region or purchased as enhanced services if an individual chooses. The services and supports that this project will provide will come to the individual in their home (unit) as their needs increase or decrease and will be flexible to meet changing needs.



*This project embraces the
Eden Alternative™ Philosophy Model
of Care.*

The Eden Alternative™ philosophy is that life doesn't end when a person moves into a care facility. Life should continue to be friendly and fun in an environment that is caring, warm, and as homelike as possible.

This is our absolute goal!

"The design of this building has been well researched. ASLS has met with builders, architects, and health care professionals to ensure that the design promotes a barrier free design, home-like atmosphere, blending with the proposed residential community that will surround the facility."

a bit of background...

In 2006 a community meeting was held in Grimshaw to address the needs of our increasing senior's population in the region. In attendance were representatives from the Village of Berwyn, Town of Grimshaw, MD of Peace No. 135, Peace Country Health, Integrated Life Care, and the Grimshaw/Berwyn & District Community Health Centre and many interested community members.

The outcome of the meeting indicated that there was a need for a facility in the region and a committee was formed to further look at the needs of the area. The committee was comprised of individuals from the Town of Grimshaw, Accredited Supportive Living Services, Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development, Senior's Representation, and Health Council Representation. Over the course of six months, the committee visited other facilities, met several times with representatives from the then Peace Health Region, and compiled/studied all available documentation.

The committee then asked Accredited Supportive Living Services Limited to take on the project as its own. Because ASLS has extensive experience and background in running residences and providing services, ASLS passed a motion to further research the possibilities of taking on such a project.

This amazing project is the result of many years of research and work. ASLS felt that there was a need for this facility in our region, accepted the responsibility of applying for funding, obtaining financing, building, and ultimately operating the "ASLS Designated Supportive Living Project".



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Get the Shovel in the Ground Event was a Huge SUCCESS!



Pictured L to R: Honourable Hector Goudreau—Minister of Municipal Affairs & MLA Dunvegan - Central Peace, Honourable Mary Anne Jablonski—Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, Shannon Websdale—ASLS CEO, and Harvey Johnson—ASLS Board Chairman

Minister of Seniors and Community Supports and Hector Goudreau, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs and MLA for Dunvegan-Central Peace.

As you can see from the photo above, Minister Jablonski brought with her to the event, a \$6,139,750.00 cheque for the DSL Project which is being funded under the Alberta Affordable Supportive Living Initiative. Not only was that amaz-

JULY 6, 2011 - This was certainly a day to remember at ASLS - confirmation that the countless hours of planning, research, discussions, site visits, meetings, and the many sleepless nights had paid off. The ball was once again rolling for the construction of the **ASLS Designated Supportive Living (DSL) Project** in Grimshaw with much thanks to many people including: Mary Anne Jablonski, Al-

ing for us, but so was her speech which emphasized how impressed she was with ASLS as an organization. Prior to the event, the Ministers along with MP Chris Warkentin were provided with a tour of the main office by Trish Beckley, Director of Programs and were given an overview of all programs ASLS offers. Time was of the essence and much information was provided to them in a short time period but it was all well received.

As for Minister Goudreau, he was equally pleased to see ASLS receive the remaining funds being presented and proud that such a building was being constructed in his riding. We at ASLS are very appreciative of Hector's support and encouragement.

Thanks to everyone involved in making this event a such a great success:

Shannon Websdale – ASLS CEO & Leader of the Pack, Lisa Johnson – ASLS Project Coordinator Extraordinaire, Harvey Johnson – ASLS Chairman & HUGE ASLS Advocate, as well as the rest of the dedicated ASLS Board and Staff (especially those responsible for the beautiful weather!!)

Please do read on for more info on the Get the Shovel in the Ground Event and check out the great photos of the day!

