

Dear supporters,

I am pleased to present you with the latest edition of Recent News!

You'll notice that we're trying out a different format this month, one that we hope is easier on the eyes. Of course, I welcome your feedback — does this new format work for you? Would you like more details or some quotes? I am all ears.

As always, we thank you for your incredible support!

Until next time,
Rachel

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Eligibility

Since her medically assisted death on November 1, 2018, our friend Audrey Parker's legacy has only continued to grow. [Read more in this CTV Atlantic piece published on what would have been Audrey's 58th birthday.](#)

Ontario's Lynne Radcliffe underwent the rigorous screening and approval process for medical assistance in dying (MAID) but lost capacity the morning of her procedure. Because the law requires that a person have capacity at the time of their assisted death, she was unable to access her wish and died horribly. Her husband, Barrie, shared her story [on the Dying With Dignity Canada \(DWDC\) blog](#).

Access

A new poll commissioned by DWDC and conducted by Ipsos found that 80 per cent of Albertans support requiring all publicly funded hospitals to allow assisted dying on-site.

- [Read our press release about the poll](#)
- [Alberta's publicly-funded hospitals should be required to allow assisted dying, poll says | CBC Edmonton](#)

B.C.'s Megan Greenberg wrote a moving piece for the DWDC blog about her mother's fight to access MAID in the long-term care facility she called home. [Read it here.](#)

Health advocates are fundraising to build a home in Toronto for patients seeking medically assisted deaths. [Read more on CBC News.](#)

The number of medically assisted deaths in Alberta is on the rise, according to Alberta Health Services (AHS). AHS's medical director attributes the increase to more awareness among Albertans. [Read more.](#)

Support

Lauren Clark, the lead social worker with The Ottawa Hospital's MAID team, has supported 30 patients who have chosen to die with medical assistance. She spoke with the *Ottawa Sun* about what she's learned as a witness to the process. [Read it here.](#)

Meet the palliative care team that's helping the homeless die with dignity and the healing circle that's helping them grieve. [Read and listen on CBC Radio.](#)

A physician lead for medical assistance in dying for Alberta Health Services shared how she's found joy in helping the dying. [Read it here on the Pincher Creek Voice.](#)

A pastor at Christ Church Anglican in Cranbrook, B.C. wrote about why he is grateful for the option of MAID. [Read his Cranbrook Townsman piece here.](#)

Education

What is medical assistance in dying? Alberta Health Services has put together a helpful and informational piece on MAID for Albertans looking to learn more about the option. [Read it here.](#)

Assisted dying became legal in Canada nearly three years ago, giving people who qualify the right to plan their deaths. But for those hoping to give the gift of life through their passing, organ donation isn't always an option. [Watch the Global News video to learn more.](#)

Personal stories

B.C.'s Dan Laramie died with medical assistance on March 2 after an amazing "farewell to this life" party, complete with cigars, beer, and a round of applause in his final moments. Read his story:

- [Keremeos man chooses death with dignified party — music, whiskey, and cigars included | Vernon Morning Star](#)
- [Wife reflects on husband's death with dignified party: 'There's no roadmap' | Surrey Now-Leader](#)
- ['He just slipped away': Keremeos man throws party as he undergoes physician-assisted death | Global News](#)

- [B.C. man throws party as he undergoes medically-assisted death | CBC British Columbia](#)

Winnipeg's Don Ayre, who shared the story of his wife, Jean's, assisted death [on the DWDC blog](#) last year, opened up about her choice in *This* magazine. [Read it here.](#)

Death is on Burlington, Ont.'s Don Kirby's mind — not just death, but death, choice and timing. Don, who wants to choose when he dies, spoke to the *Hamilton Spectator*. [Read it here.](#)

Journalist Dean Stoltz spoke with The Canadian Association of Journalists about his emotional journey reporting on MAID, and the responsibility that came with telling the intimate story of a B.C. man's medically assisted death. [Read it here.](#)

