

PRO-LIFE IN ACTION

Special thanks to all those who participated in our 39th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE! As we tally the incoming sponsor sheets and pledges, we are happy to report that to-date, we have raised approximately \$10,000.

We are grateful to student, Jerid Klassen and his team of fellow students from Heritage College who took pictures, filmed and interviewed walkers. We look forward to seeing their promotional video which we hope to use to inform and inspire others to join in this great cause for Life!

We had great weather for the ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN held on Sunday, September 30th. Thank you to the seventy-two people who lined Hespeler Road for one-hour, praying silently for an end to abortion. The Life Chain is a great pro-life witness that reminds passersby, who likely haven't given much thought to the issue of abortion, that a great injustice is permitted in our community, province and country. Our participation helps to show others that by taking a stand, we are not indifferent to the killing and that we care about women and their families in crisis.■

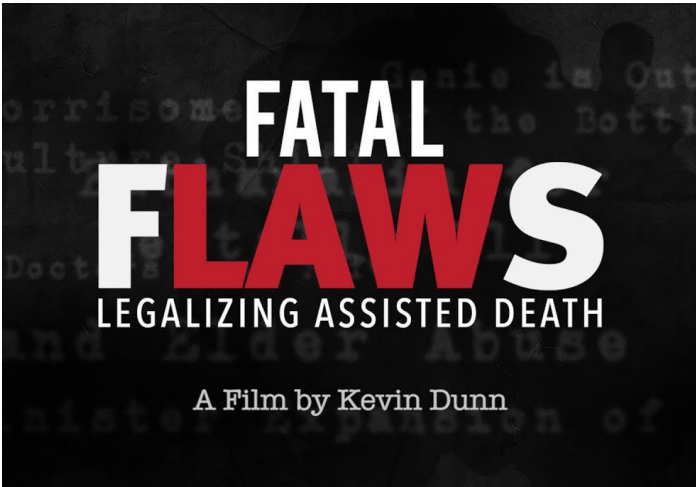


ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join us on Thursday, November 29th for our AGM at 7:00 pm at St Patrick’s Parish Hall, located at 53 Wellington Street in Cambridge. See 2017 AGM minutes and the 2018 financial statements enclosed.

- Election of Directors
- Committee Reports
- Walk for Life Draw
- Announcement of Essay Contest Winner

Following our official business meeting, the film, **Fatal Flaws** will be shown (80 minutes). Film showing begins at 8:00 pm.



If you are a current member of CRTL, you can nominate individuals to serve on the board using the form below.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

THIS FORM CAN BE USED BY ANY CURRENT MEMBER OF CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE TO NOMINATE INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE NOMINEE MUST BE CONTACTED AND AGREE TO LET HIS/HER NAME STAND. PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE BY NOVEMBER 21, 2018.

NOMINEE: _____ ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: (H) _____
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NEWS & VIEWS



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SICK KIDS HOSPITAL TORONTO WILL EUTHANIZE CHILDREN WITH OR WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT

FROM THE BLOG OF THE EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION
BY ALEX SCHADENBERG

A RECENT REPORT from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto states that they are not only ready to do euthanasia on children but their policy states that a child should be able to die by euthanasia without the consent or knowledge of the parents.

According to an article by Sharon Kirkey for Sun Media, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto published their policy on euthanasia and assisted suicide as a report in the recent Journal of Medical Ethics. According to Kirkey:

The Sick Kids’ working group says the hospital has willing doctors who could “safely and effectively” perform euthanasia for terminally ill youth 18 and older who meet the criteria as set out in federal law, and that it would be “antithetical” to its philosophy of care to have to transfer these patients to a strange and unfamiliar adult hospital. But it is a suggestion that euthanasia might one day take place without the involvement of parents that has provoked fresh controversy in the assisted-death debate.

Who does the Hospital for Sick Children believe that euthanasia can be safe and effective for?

Kirkey explains that the ethicists at the Children’s Hospital believe that there is no difference between killing someone and letting them die. Clearly there is a difference between allowing a natural death and actually causing the death of a person. By blurring clear distinctions ethicists minimize the ethical problems associated with doctors killing their patients. Kirkey reports:

The working group said it wasn’t convinced that there is a meaningful difference for the patient “between being consensually assisted in dying (in the case of MAID) and being consensually allowed to die (in the case of refusing life-sustaining interventions).”

Kirkey explains that most Canadian provinces allow mature minors to make decisions about their own care, including withdrawing or withholding life support. She explains that in Ontario a minor can provide consent for treatment or withdrawal of treatment if they understand the “reasonably foreseeable consequences” of their decision. The Sick Kids’ hospital stated that they encourage minors to involve their families in medical decisions.

Kirkey explains that the Hospital for Sick Children is suggesting that children could decide to die by euthanasia without the consent of the parents:

The draft policy argues the same rules should apply to MAID since there is no meaningful ethical or practical distinction from the patient’s perspective between assisted dying and other procedures that result in the end of a life, such as palliative sedation (where people sleep until they die) or withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatments.

Kirkey explains that the Sick Kids Hospital paper came out just ahead of the report by The Canadian Council of Academies that will make recommendations in December concerning the extension of euthanasia to mature minors. The same group is examining the extension of euthanasia to cases of mental illness alone, as well as incompetent people who requested euthanasia within an “advance directive.”■



HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH CRTL FOR THE 2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR



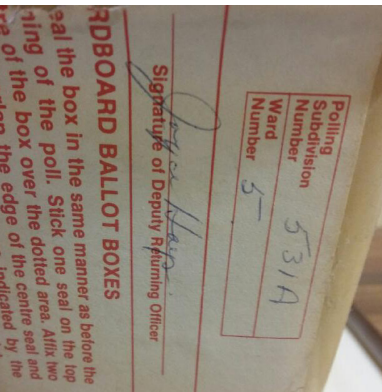
AS A STUDENT and seminarian, with Heritage Bible Seminary, Jerid Klassen’s program requires him to volunteer and serve others throughout the community. Jerid identified Cambridge Right to Life as an organization he would like to help. We are thrilled to accept Jerid’s offer and his enthusiasm for Life. He has procured a \$1000 donation from Heritage College towards the much needed repairs to the office. Below is a list of how he would like to assist us:

- Encourage fellow students to join the Walk for Life, Mini-Life Chains, Life Chain & Protest Walk
- Provide an Art/Sound student to video-tape the Walk and make a promotional video
- Initiate a sign up day to obtain signatures for the Petition of One Million
- Provide a maintenance person to assess office ceiling repair
- Provide a person who could assist in the re-design of our office
- Provide 5-10 students early November to help paint the office and replace carpeting and flooring
- Provide a technology person to help with Desktop support and any other technical assistance
- Encourage participation in 40 Days for Life, near Freeport Hospital

A SURPRISING DISCOVERY AND TIMELY REMINDER

BY CHRIS O’NEILL

IN DOING SOME renovations to our office, I came across a box of interest. Not realizing what it was until I removed it from its spot, I was quite surprised to see it was a metal Ballot Box. Embossed on the bottom of the box were the numbers, 1982.



The box still contains the Polling Sub-division Number 531A and Ward Number 5, along with the signature of Deputy Returning Officer, Joyce Harp. I called City Hall to inform them of our finding and they said they would love to have it for their archives!

In further assessing the significance of the 1982 date, I realized it was on April 17, 1982 that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was enacted, so I felt it fitting to include it in the Ballot Box.

I find it ironic that here we are some 36 years later and those fundamental freedoms given to us back then: **freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of religion and freedom of thought, belief and expression**, have been slowly taken away from us, though they still sit crisply on their Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom certificate.

I trust that the City of Cambridge will not only put the Ballot Box in a place of honour but also honour the content of our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom as it called for back on April 17, 1982! ■

A SPECIAL THANKS

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE received the following letter from the Hearts Set Ablaze Retreatants run by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate this past Summer. We are grateful for their prayers and involvement in this worthy cause.

We are a group of young ladies 11-15 years old on a weekend retreat run by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. We the undersigned are aware of and grateful for your work in improving lives in the community. We have been offering **thousands** of prayers and sacrifices over the period of our weekend retreat in order to support your work and in the hope that you will continue to make decisions that protect human life and that are in accordance with natural law. May God bless you in all your endeavours. ■



REACTION TO PRO-LIFE ADVERTISING

EARLIER THIS YEAR, Cambridge Right to Life applied to Street Seen Media and Pattison Outdoor Advertising to post life affirming messages on the interior and exterior of Grand River Transit buses in the Waterloo region, as well as bus shelter locations throughout the city. Any advertising must follow the Advertising Standards of Canada’s (ASC) ‘Canadian Code of Advertising Standards.’ The City of Cambridge, Grand River Transit and Pattison Outdoor found our messages to meet this requirement and approved our messages in May of this year.

While the advertisements were up, some individuals in our community took issue with our messaging, calling us a “**despicable anti-choice hate group**” and accusing us of “**shaming**” women and even going so far as to start a petition asking Grand River Transit to “stop advertising for **anti-choice organizations!**” The same person that started the petition, sent us an online message saying, “**Leave Cambridge you are disgusting and against women’s rights.**”

In Canada, not every citizen has to agree with pro-life messaging, but those who advocate for the removal of such advertising, erode freedom of speech, not just for pro-lifers, but for everyone!

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in 2009 that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects political advertising on public transportation. The Court said that “**citizens, including bus riders, are expected to put up with some controversy in a free and democratic society.**”

Even though CRTL is not a political organization and our ads are not political, we’re utilizing our fundamental right of freedom of speech, guaranteed to us by the Charter. Speaking about abortion, and all life issues, does not negate this right.

Despite negative comments, we have also received many positive comments from people who are pleased to see our ads circulating the City. In fact, Cambridge residents will be able to see more of our bus ads making the rounds from October 8th to January 9th. Additionally, we have a new billboard message along Highway 24, pictured above, from October 15th to November 11th.

All this would not be possible if it were not for the generous support of our members. Thank you for faithful support! ■