

News Briefs – Reverse Chronological Order

May 14, 2018

Parker Psychotherapy is moving to North Bay, Ontario.

January 20, 2018

Starting February 1, 2018, the rate per session is **increasing** to \$100.00/hr. **All current clients will remain at their current rate** however any new clients entering service **on or after February 1, 2018**, will be subject to the new rate. See the "Billing" tab for more information.

January 16, 2018

Parker Psychotherapy is proud to sponsor not one but TWO events taking place in Pembroke over the next couple of months. The first is [Funny In A Good Way](#) which kicks off the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join contemporary worship band Gate47 as it hosts the event featuring music from your favourite Christian artists as well as family-friendly comedy by Patrick McKenna, Kevin Frank, Neil Crone, and Rick Wharton (Lift Up Laughter). [Tickets](#) are still available for the event which happens this coming Saturday!

We are also proud to sponsor the Pembroke leg of the [NHL Alumni Benefit Tour](#) which makes its stop at the Pembroke Memorial Centre on March 17, 2018. [Come watch](#) NHL legends take on the Law Enforcement Alumni in support of [Special Olympics Ontario](#). As soon as the rosters are announced I will post them on this page! To join in the sponsorship please check out Benefit Hockey's [advertising page](#).

October 9, 2017

Several updates at once here... First, Parker Psychotherapy has joined Psychotherapy Matters. Besides being a great tool for finding local psychotherapists, Psychotherapy Matters has developed a Virtual Clinic utilizing the already existing Ontario Telehealth Network (OTN) to make it possible for clients to receive a psychiatric consult for diagnoses and prescriptions. This service **is not** intended to be used for WSIB or other insurance purposes as the paperwork and follow-up needed would create a backlog making it impossible to keep to the goal of receiving a consult within a couple of weeks. More details to follow in the [Services](#) tab.

Also, we have ordered a Square credit card reader and will be able to start taking credit card payments starting **November 1, 2017** following a brief testing phase. Please be aware that there will be a \$3.00 surcharge to cover Square's fee for the service and to save up some money to buy the contactless (Tap) and chip card reader so that we can start taking debit payments as well. Check out the [Billing](#) tab for more details.

Moving on Mental Health gets back to the drawing board later on this month meaning - hopefully - something will happen. Without meaning to sound pessimistic there was very little interaction over the summer by the various committees that I could see and the community engagement coordinator didn't appear to do any outreach as of yet so - again - hopefully something will happen following the next meeting. Check out the [MOMH](#) tab for more details.

Finally, the marriage preparation and enrichment program I was hoping to launch clearly did not happen this year. Between my son being born in late June and how busy I became with clients this program was simply impossible to put together. I have set a tentative time frame of **July 2018** for the first run of the program.

Feb 24 2017

Parker Psychotherapy is building on our commitment to security by joining **OnCall Health** for future e-counselling needs. This service is browser-based - through Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox - so there is no need to download an additional application (unless you only use Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, or Safari (Apple)) to use. Having spoken with the customer service team I know that OnCall Health will soon have forms available for assessment and screening on top of their already secure and easy-to-use file sharing and appointment set-up. Using this service **will not** cause a change in my rate-per-session and will increase my weekly availability.

Long story short, this change is for **you**. My goal is to be able to reach clients wherever they may be and OnCall Health makes this possible.

Before I start to sound any more like a commercial for these folks I want to update the time frame for the Marriage Enrichment program. My goal is to have this program in July 2017 which is later than I was originally planning but with delays in development this is what I have to do in order to deliver a strong service. The cost, dates, and times are to be determined. Watch for advertising right on this website as well as around the county. Maximum seats available will also be determined shortly.

Jan 12 2017

I am pleased to announce that Parker Psychotherapy is part of the [Moving on Mental Health](#) initiative representing the Faith Sector for Renfrew County. This is not an easy undertaking by any means considering the sheer diversity of faith and interfaith groups within the County which is only going to grow in the coming year. I look at this from the lens of being a cultural voice alongside the lead for the Immigration Sector. As this initiative continues over the coming year I will be posting updates about what we are doing to reshape mental health services in our area under the leadership of the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families.

At the moment we are working on identifying major gaps in service and which ones we can reasonably expect to work on over the next year or so. I will be uploading documents related to Moving on Mental Health under the **Helpful Links** depository. If you want to be part of this initiative or want more regular updates please join the email list by emailing parkerpsychotherapy@gmail.com.

Dec 7 2016

Parker Psychotherapy will be closed from December 21 to 26, December 30, and January 2

(2017) because of meetings, personal appointments, and in observation of the Christmas holidays. Please call or text Daniel at 613 602 7792 or email parkerpsychotherapy@gmail.com to arrange an appointment. We will maintain our goal of replying within 48 hours (24 or less for crisis) but appointments may not be available at your earliest convenience.

Oct 12 2016

In the new year Parker Psychotherapy will be offering a Marriage Preparation/Enrichment course. Any interested couples should call or text Daniel at 613-602-7792 or email parkerpsychotherapy@gmail.com for more details. This program is not faith-based and is therefore not sufficient to be excluded from religious marriage preparation programs. It will cover common concerns such as communication, addiction, finances, parenting, career/education, and alike. A more concrete schedule and the cost will be posted shortly.

Sept 9, 2016

Parker Psychotherapy is now scheduling office dates at the Killaloe Community Resource Centre (Killaloe) and the Bonnechere Valley Professional Building (Eganville). New scheduling structure applies. Please call or text Daniel at 613-602-7792 or email parkerpsychotherapy@gmail.com for more details.