



In 1993 - 1994, funding cutbacks put the future of The Villa in jeopardy. AADAC, who provided most of The Villa's funding, had been told to prepare for its own funding cuts, which were expected to last at least three years. With The Villa facing significant financial pressures, several Board Members left their positions and the Board Chair proposed the closure of the 24 hour facility. This would leave the city without a residential treatment centre for women. Without enough Board Members to vote per The Villa Bylaws, The Villa had to elect a new Board which could then vote on the final decision.

Following the recruitment of new Board Members, The Villa went through a restructuring process which included the appointment of an Acting Executive Director. The residential program became an outpatient program and was designed in a more cost effective way, while maintaining the integrity of the services provided. Through research and evaluation, it was determined that many women had family commitments or were single mothers, and these responsibilities inhibited their ability to attend a residential addiction treatment program. The new outpatient model would provide women an opportunity to maintain stability within their family and still receive treatment for their addictions. It was hoped that this format would be able to help more women on an outpatient basis.

Some of the beds at the Sunalta location (which was still a halfway house) were designated as residential support beds, and The Villa Staff worked with other community agencies in order to provide additional support to those who needed it. The Villa was reporting a one month wait list for treatment at this time.

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