

March 30, 2022

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication, we remind you of our upcoming Annual General meeting **on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 2 pm** by Zoom, welcome a new staff member, Martina Štravs and invite applications to the position of director on the Board of Directors.

### **Register Now for Dom Lipa's Annual General Meeting**

Last chance to register for Dom Lipa's Annual General Meeting!

Attendees need time to review meeting materials, such as the audited financial statements and short biographies of those nominated for election to the Board. The meeting materials and the details for the Zoom meeting will be sent shortly to those who have registered.

Register to join us for the Annual General Meeting of the Slovenian Linden Foundation - Dom Lipa to be held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic on **Sunday, April 3, 2022, at 2 p.m. by Zoom**

*Register on Eventbrite to reserve your place*

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-annual-general-meeting-slovenian-linden-foundation-dom-lipa-2022-tickets-291321228637>

See the letter of invitation and the Agenda for the AGM, below.

### **Welcome, Martina Štravs!**

Dom Lipa welcomes Ms. Martina Štravs! Martina joined the administration team on March 21st as the Activation and Volunteer Coordinator. She will continue and build on the work of our prior Activation and Volunteer Coordinator, Sonja Vidovic. Martina Štravs is a former Professor of Fine Arts and has lifelong experience in education. She specialized in the Montessori approach to life-long learning at the Foundation for Montessori Education in Toronto, Canada. Martina is also fluent in Slovenian. If you see or speak to Martina, welcome her warmly!

### **Visit from Slovenian Minister**



The Slovenian Government's Minister for Slovenians Abroad, Dr. Helena Jaklitsch visited Toronto to meet with community leaders on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Her Excellency, Dr. Jaklitsch took time for a driveway visit at Dom Lipa to meet with Martina Štravs, the Activation and Volunteer Coordinator to talk about the needs of the residents. We also took the opportunity to thank Dr. Jaklitsch for the 5000 Euro grant Dom Lipa received in 2021 to help purchase music making sticks and drums as well as CDs and amplifiers to help residents safely enjoy hallway sing-alongs from their rooms. Some of the residents were also outside to meet the Minister and other residents and staff greeted her through the windows of the Home, by waving Slovenian flags.

## **Family Council News**

Dom Lipa's Family Council now has a space on Dom Lipa's website. See <https://www.domlipa.ca/sites/default/files/Family%20Council%20Article.pdf> for information about their mandate and wonderful activities to support our seniors.

## **Vaccination Policy Update**

Dom Lipa's Vaccination Policy now requires all employees, volunteers, and essential caregivers to have two doses of the vaccination, plus the booster shot (a total of three vaccinations) against Covid-19. Children under the age of 5 years are exempt from vaccination requirements.

Vaccination remains a key defense against COVID-19 and all Ontarians, who are eligible are encouraged to get vaccinated, including receiving a booster dose.

## **The Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table**

We continue to take a precautionary approach to reduce the risk of harm to our residents and staff in the face of the evolving pandemic situation. While the government no longer provides directives to the public, the risks of Covid-19 remain high. We are keeping an eye on the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table's web page, as this is a reliable source of information for trends. See <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/ontario-dashboard/>.

The Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table is a group of scientific experts and health system leaders who evaluate and report on emerging evidence relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic, to inform Ontario's response. See <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/about/>

The Science Table's mandate is to provide weekly summaries of relevant scientific evidence for the COVID-19 Health Coordination Table of the Province of Ontario, integrating information from existing scientific tables, Ontario's universities and agencies, and the best global evidence. The Science Table summarizes its findings for the Health Coordination Table and for the public in Science Briefs.

The Science Table is an independent group, hosted by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. There is no compensation for serving on the Science Table. However, the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and Public Health Ontario fund the Scientific Director and the Secretariat.

Due to the considerable number of people ill with Covid-19, it is no longer possible to test all people with symptoms to see how the numbers are changing. Instead, we look to other indicators.

One indicator is the number of hospitalizations in Ontario, although this does not accurately describe what is currently happening in the province because it takes about 2 weeks for people with symptoms to come to the hospital. Current hospitalizations are rising again. See <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-03-29-Daily-COVID-19-Hospitalizations-and-ICU-Occupancy-in-Ontario.png>

We also look at wastewater testing results from 101 wastewater treatment plants around Ontario to test for levels of concentrations of Covid-19 genes. See <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/ontario-dashboard/#wastewatersignal>

Enjoy the Spring and continue to stay safe!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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The Directors and Administration team have been working extremely hard to respond to another challenging year for each of us and particularly for the long-term care sector. We are grateful for the hard work by our dedicated staff at Dom Lipa to keep residents safe and are pleased to report that there have been no Covid-19 deaths at the home. We are also grateful for the support of our Family Council and our community in providing music making and entertainment, gifts of flowers, outdoor signs and decorations, telephoning residents to chat, personal gifts and tributes to staff, donations of needed equipment, and much more. All these efforts helped lift the spirit of our staff and residents; Thank you!

We achieved:

- Diligent infection and prevention control measures to deal with Covid-19 outbreaks
- A successful second virtual Annual General Meeting in 2021
- A second virtual Lipathon which raised \$91,215.00 (replacing our Walk-a-Thon and Luncheon)
- Regular email communications to stakeholders.

We will also share our plans for the next year, including planning based on our Strategic Plan. The financial reports show a good year despite the pandemic, and our auditors will attend the meeting to answer any questions that you might have.

We welcome your suggestions and comments, please send them by mail, fax or by email.

Thank you sincerely for your continuing generosity and support for Dom Lipa, and we hope to see you on Zoom for our AGM.

V upanju, da se na občnem zboru srečamo v čim večjem številu, vas lepo pozdravljava,

**Maria Zajc McDonald**  
President/Predsednica

**Clara Sečnik**  
Vice-President/Podpredsednica

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**Slovenian Linden Foundation - Dom Lipa**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

## By Zoom

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### AGENDA

1. Musical Entertainment from 1:40 pm to 2 pm
2. Welcome and prayer at 2 pm
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Review of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
5. Reports
  - I. President
  - II. Executive Director
  - III. Treasurer
  - IV. Auditor
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Nominations Committee Report
8. Election of Directors
9. Open Forum
10. Adjournment and prayer

### DNEVNI RED

1. Glasba od 13.40 do 14. ure
2. Pozdrav in molitev ob 14. uri
3. Sprejem dnevnega reda
4. Potrditev zapisnika zadnjega občnega zbora
5. Poročila
  - I. Predsednica
  - II. Izvršna direktorica
  - III. Blagajnik
  - IV. Zunanji revizor
6. Imenovanje zunanjega revizorja
7. Poročilo volilnega odbora
8. Volitev direktorjev upravnega odbora
9. Razprava
10. Zaključek in molitev

**Executive Director:** Ms. Jolanta Linde

### **2021 – 2022 Members of the Board of Directors:**

Maria Zajc McDonald, President

Clara Sečnik, Vice President

Joseph Cestnik, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee

Jessica Ferkul, Secretary

William Sečnik, Chair of the Facility Committee

Father Valentin Batič

Pauline Klemenčič (resigned for personal reasons, Jan 2022)

Sylvia Kobal

Rozika Nesich

Father Ivan Plazar

Milan Vinčec