



April 13, 2022

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication, we summarize our successful Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 3, 2022, by Zoom, share the announcement by the Ministry of Long-Term Care, advise about a recent Covid-19 exposure observation of two wings, reflect on the upcoming 6th wave of Covid-19 and provide other news.

Another Successful Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those, who attended Dom Lipa's third Virtual Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 3rd by Zoom.

We had 26 voting members attend (those who have donated a minimum of \$1000 over the years) and 15 participating members and guests.

Mr. Joseph Bates presented the audited financial statements on behalf of the auditors, MNP LLP and confirmed that the statements for the year ending December 31, 2021, were free from any material misstatement, with the regular standard not-for profit qualification on donation revenue. The membership voted to renew the appointment of MNP LLP, as auditors for 2022.

We were pleased to report that due to the extraordinary efforts, hard work and diligence of our staff and residents, there have been no Covid-19 related deaths at Dom Lipa.

Directors, Jessica Ferkul and Father Ivan Plazar were re-elected for another three years. Jason Gorel, who has newly joined the Board of Directors, was formally elected by the membership for a term of three years.

In future communications, we will report on our financial picture, Strategic Plan, the Resident Satisfaction Survey results, and introduce our elected Board members.

Questions about any topics at the Annual General Meeting may be sent to info@domlipa.ca.

Ministry of Long-Term Care Announcement about Dom Lipa's Redevelopment

On Monday, April 4th. Clara Secnik, Vice-President of the Board joined by Zoom with Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care, and Minister Kinga Surma, MPP for Etobicoke Centre for this long-awaited announcement about renovations to Dom Lipa's oldest LTC beds.

The Honourable, Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care (MLTC), made an important funding announcement that will impact all long-term care residents across the Etobicoke region. The Ontario government is adding 342 upgraded long-term care beds in Etobicoke by constructing a new building for one existing Home and by renovating 22 long-term care beds at Dom Lipa. This is part of the government's \$6.4 billion commitment to build more than 30,000 net new beds by 2028 and 28,000 upgraded long-term care beds across the province. The Directors, along with Jolanta Linde, the Executive Director, are actively working and planning with the MLTC and will communicate further once plans are finalized.

A further announcement was made on April 8th that the Ontario government is investing over \$40 million in additional nutritional support funding for long-term care homes, so residents can receive more individualized food choices, more fresh produce and local foods in season, and additional menu flexibility. See the MLTC website for announcements <https://news.ontario.ca/mltc/en>

Covid-19 Exposure Observation at Dom Lipa is Over

The residents in West 1 and West 2 wings were under Covid-19 exposure observation and today this was declared over by Toronto Public Health. We work closely with Toronto Public Health and we are also guided by the Ontario Ministry of Health document entitled Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario, dated April 11, 2022 (version 14) available at https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/contact_mngmt/management_cases_contacts.pdf

Toronto Public Health has recommended that any residents, who were exposed should remain cohorted to their unit.

During the observation period, residents were tested for Covid-19. Essential caregivers and visitors were still permitted to come in and had to follow all infection control precautions. In addition, caregivers and visitors were permitted to visit only in the resident's room.

Sixth Wave of Covid-19

Covid-19 cases are rising in the community and hospitals are filling up again with sick people.

Dom Lipa staff and their family members are also exposed to Covid-19 in the community and are required to work from home. We continue to be diligent to cover all roles to ensure the safety of residents. We ask for your patience, if staff are not available within a reasonable period to respond to questions by phone or email.

We appreciate how disheartening and overwhelming it feels to read the recent headlines on the sixth wave of the pandemic. We may feel done with this pandemic, but the pandemic is not yet done with us.

We know more about the virus today than we ever have before. We have access to life-saving vaccines, with eligibility for fourth doses expanding to more Ontarians this week. We know that masks, handwashing, and physical distancing provides us with very good protection against the virus. We also know that, while the Omicron BA.2 subvariant continues to spread in Ontario, we are currently seeing less severe disease in those individuals, who are fully vaccinated or recently had BA.1.

Please take advantage of the free vaccines against Covid-19 and keep using masks indoors to protect yourself and others.

Our Gratitude to all Staff at Dom Lipa

We know how difficult it is for Dom Lipa staff to deal with yet another wave of COVID-19.

We want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the individuals working around-the-clock to cover for their colleagues. We are so incredibly proud of the work of Dom Lipa staff throughout this pandemic – and just like with every other wave we've experienced, we will persevere and come out stronger as a united team. We acknowledge and applaud the outstanding teamwork and commitment to high-quality care by all our staff and medical team members. We are constantly thanked by residents and families for the good work Dom Lipa has done to-date.

Donations for Dom Lipa's Gardening Supplies

The Family Council gratefully accepts donations to help offset costs of yearly gardening purchases, such as vegetable Pro Mix soil, organic fertilizer, vegetable and herb seeds, mulch for weed control, etc.

The donation box for gardening supplies stands in the vestibule so visitors can see it when they enter the building. Cash donations to this box will not get donation tax receipts. If you wish to donate over \$20 and get a donation tax receipt, drop a cheque into the donation box or go to Dom Lipa's website <https://www.domlipa.ca/> and click on the green Donate Now button, and indicate it is for the gardens.

Photos from Visit by Dr. Helen Jaklitsch

The Slovenian Government's Minister for Slovenians Abroad, Dr. Helena Jaklitsch visited Toronto to meet with community leaders on March 26th. Her Excellency, Dr. Jaklitsch took time for a driveway visit at Dom Lipa to meet with residents and staff. Thank you to Martina Štravs, Activation and Volunteer Coordinator, for arranging this visit.





Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Dom Lipa.

The Directors, Administration team and staff wish you a blessed and Holy Easter!

Sincerely,

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

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