



DOM LIPA
SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

March 16, 2023

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we invite you to Dom Lipa's Annual General meeting on a new date, April 30th and celebrate with you our new debt-free status.

Save the NEW Date for Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2023

The date for the 40th Annual General Meeting of Dom Lipa is changed to Sunday, April 30th at 2pm by Zoom. More details to come soon about how to register.

We will continue to use the virtual Zoom format in recognition of the uncertainty about the various viruses circulating in the community, including Covid-19, influenza and other respiratory ailments. We also note the virtual format can make it easier for more people to attend the AGM, including people from outside the Toronto area. We think that is a positive benefit.

The date was changed so that it would not coincide with the Canadian Slovenian Historical Society Luncheon and showing of the documentary film "In the Camps", on Sunday April 16, 2023 at the hall of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Brezmadežna) in Etobicoke. Contact cshistorical@gmail.com for further information and tickets.

Dom Lipa is Debt Free (at least for a little while)!

We are pleased to advise you, our devoted Slovenian Community, that Dom Lipa is debt free as of the end of February, 2023! This is also a time to reflect on our journey and how the whole community helped us along the way.

The initial \$150,000 was raised by the community through various fundraising events including walk-a-thons, banquets, and canvassing for donations. In addition, an original mortgage debt was needed to help finance the construction of Dom Lipa. The home was initially envisioned as a retirement residence and was completed during the Christmas season in 1987. This original part of the building, now known as the Kastelic wing, is named in honour of Joseph Kastelic a major donor and also the builder of the home.

By 1991, it became apparent that the community needing nursing care too. Dr. Stanley Bah, then Administrator, secured 30 long-term care licences and the first floor was remodeled to provide nursing care to 30 seniors.

The original mortgage and construction debts were paid off in 2000.

By then, however, the waiting list for long term care beds was only getting longer. Dr. Elizabeth Kocmur, long-time physician to Dom Lipa residents and board director, recognized the need for additional long term care beds for Slovenians and helped lead the application process to obtain 36 more licences. A new loan was needed for this new two-floor wing.

In 2001, construction was completed to create a new West Wing with 36 long term care beds in addition to the existing 30 long term care beds. The Retirement Wing continued with 30 residential units.

Dom Lipa has been fortunate in recent years to refinance its mortgage with Moya Financial Credit Union. Finally, last month Dom Lipa paid off the last of the mortgage from the 2001 construction.

This journey demonstrates Dom Lipa's commitment to prudent financial management and acknowledges the ongoing strong support from our Slovenian community.

We also take time to reflect proudly on the dedication and the vision of our founding members, and thank each of them: Frank Beno Cerar, Rev. Janez Kopač, Sr. Teodozija Judnič, Albin Blatnik, Frank Kraljič, Stan Vovk, John Trpin, Victor Trček, Frank Arhar and Louis Babič.

Dom Lipa hopes to receive enthusiastic and renewed commitments to financial from you all as we enter our next phase of our re-development of the existing facility in 2024 to meet up-to-date standards. We will speak more about this at the AGM.

We wish you a Happy March!

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

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