



June 29, 2023

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we advise you of the end of the most recent Covid-19 Outbreak, provide an update to masking requirements, invite people interested to join our board as Treasurer and tell you about our new Path of Remembrance.

Covid-19 Outbreak Declared Over June 20th

The Covid-19 outbreak beginning June 1, 2023 was declared over on June 20, 2023 by Toronto Public Health. Dom Lipa implemented infection control measures set in consultation with Toronto Public Health.

There were 24 residents who were infected with Covid-19 and no staff members were infected. One resident died, as reported in our June 7th communication, and we express our condolences to their family and friends.

New Masking Requirements for Visitors

The Ministry of Long-Term Care recommends, but does not require, that caregivers and visitors wear a mask in all areas of the home. This means that caregivers and visitors may now join in sharing a meal with their loved one(s) in communal dining areas.

For more information, see Dom Lipa's website, or https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-guidance-document-long-term-care-homes-ontario#_Masking

This guidance is effective June 26th. The Ministry and Toronto Public Health will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation and will provide updated recommendations as needed.

Join our Board as Treasurer!

We are seeking a new director with Chartered Professional Accountant designation to join the board.

The Treasurer oversees the financial matters of Dom Lipa in line with good practice and in accordance with the by-laws, policies and legal requirements, and reports to the board of directors at regular intervals about the financial health of the organization. The Treasurer ensures that effective financial measures, controls and procedures are put in place, and are appropriate for the Dom Lipa.

All directors continue to be jointly and severally responsible along with the Treasurer in overseeing the financial matters and administration of the charity.

If you are interested to learn more, please direct your email to Maria Zajc McDonald at info@domlipa.ca.

Path of Remembrance

On Friday June 23rd, Family Council members hosted a wonderful celebration for the opening of the new Path of Remembrance in the back gardens. The celebration included draw prizes, bouquets of flowers, home-made cookies for attendees, and a special cake for the residents' dinner.

Ms. Josephine Muhic-Pellettier, the President of the Dom Lipa Family Council, warmly welcomed residents, staff and guests to the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the newly paved pathway honouring our residents past and present.

This safety access project was first discussed by Josephine and the late Director Ed Erčulj in 2018. They envisioned a short, paved pathway from the sidewalk around the building to the benches on the interlock driveway, where residents could rest in the shade and enjoy the gardens. The only way to get to the benches was to traverse an uneven grassy slope.

This topic was raised again recently, with the easing of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through the generosity of a Family Council member, who prefers to remain anonymous, this important safe pathway initiative was realized.

The Family Council decided to name this the "Path of Remembrance" or "Pot spominov" to honour residents past and present.

Josephine explained in her speech:

"This pathway also recalls to us the path to freedom that our parents took so many years ago when they were fortunate enough to come to this great country of ours. We were unaware, at the time when we created the name: "Path of Remembrance", that there is a path with the same name in Slovenia. It is called "The Path of Remembrance and Comradeship" and is a 32.5 km recreational trail encircling Ljubljana, following the route of the barbed wire perimeter that surrounded the city during the Second World War.

We admire and are grateful to our parents, that generation of Slovenians who struggled and made sacrifices so that they, and their children, could have a better life in Canada. Through their example they taught us the importance of hard work and giving generously to others and helping those in need. This incredible generation of Slovenians worked together to realize many dreams. One of these dreams was to build a Slovenian Home for their later years. Through their hard work and generosity, they built it and named it Dom Lipa.

I know firsthand of the sacrifices they made because my father, a retired builder, volunteered to help build Dom Lipa, working on site every day for 2 years to make this Home a reality."

Josephine also applauded and thanked Mrs. Cveta Arhar-Stojko, who worked tirelessly on the first Board of Directors of Dom Lipa as well as on the Building Board, and who continues her efforts to help make a difference for residents at Dom Lipa. Mrs. Arhar-Stojko's latest project, which she funded herself, is the beautifully renovated kapelica (traditional small shrine or chapel) with surrounding flower bed completed in 2022.

Josephine also thanked Executive Director, Jolanta Linde, staff and directors who have supported the pathway project.

Lastly, Josephine reflected on the belief of all Family Council members in the importance of working together to support the residents and their families, because Dom Lipa is and always will be, a very special Home to all. Both Dom Lipa and this Path of Remembrance are examples of

how people with a common goal, a giving spirit, and much determination can come together to make a difference!

The Board of Directors is grateful to the Family Council for their vision, dedication and very hard work to make the back gardens a green sanctuary for our residents and staff.



We wish all a happy Canada Day, and time for relaxation over the summer!

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

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