

The Dom Lipa FAMILY COUNCIL

DID YOU KNOW? Dom Lipa has a FAMILY COUNCIL established in September 2017.

DID YOU KNOW? Family Councils are included in the Long-Term Care Homes Act (LTCHA), sections 59-68 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07108#BK74>). This Act governing all Long Term Care Homes including Dom Lipa, outlines the responsibilities that a LTCH must follow.

In relation to Family Councils, the obligations that the Home must follow are: a) the establishment of a Council, b) powers of a Council, c) Council membership, and more.

What are a Family Council's powers under the Long-Term Care Act?

Although every Family Council is unique with varying activities, the Act outlines several powers of a Family Council, such as providing assistance, information and advice to residents, family members, and persons of importance to residents, including when new residents are admitted to the Home. A Family Council informs residents, family members, and persons of importance to residents, their rights and obligations under the Act as well as notifies the licensee of any concerns or recommendations the Council has about the operation of the Home, and others.

Who are we?

We are a group of concerned and caring family members, substitute decision makers, and friends of the residents who live in Dom Lipa Long Term Care Home.

What is our main purpose?

We want to improve the quality of life, well-being, and happiness of all residents of the Home.

What else do we do?

We support our members through sharing information, knowledge, and experiences regarding various issues/concerns affecting residents and families.

We promote positive attitudes toward aging, facilitating communication and promoting partnerships with staff, administration, other family members, and residents.

What have we done since we began?

Members have been instrumental in establishing raised vegetable gardens on the front enclosed patio, a Butterfly garden in the front, three perennial gardens in the back, as well as a bird feeding station for everyone to enjoy.

The Family Council also posts pertinent information on a variety of topics on their bulletin board located in K wing on the hallway wall going towards the chapel, across from the elevators.

Want more information? If you need advice, assistance, more information, or would like to join our council please email us at: domlipafamilycouncil@gmail.com