



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Update Regarding Proposed Alliance and Lease Agreement between Bendale Acres and the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service

<b>Date:</b>	July 4, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Homes for the Aged
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 38
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

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In September 2006, City Council approved Clause No. 8 of Report No. 6 of the Community Services Committee, authorizing Bendale Acres to pursue a written 10-year agreement with Scarborough Hospital (Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service) to establish an on-site dialysis clinic at Bendale Acres, serving both residents of Bendale Acres and out-patient community patients who require hemodialysis.

Following City Council approval, the senior management of Bendale Acres continued discussions with the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) regarding the plan to locate out-patient hemodialysis at Bendale Acres. The plan contained a capital funding request from the Scarborough Dialysis Service to the MOHLTC to renovate the existing space at Bendale Acres. This capital funding request was not approved and the dialysis clinic at Bendale Acres will not be proceeding at this time.

Bendale Acres remains committed to meeting the needs of dialysis dependent individuals and intends to complete another needs assessment and revised plan at some time in the future, entering into discussions with the Central East Local Health Integration Network. The strategic plan for the Central East Local Health Integration Network includes a 'Seamless Care for Seniors' approach, which reconciles with the objectives of the proposed dialysis clinic.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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The General Manager, Homes for the Aged, recommends that:

1. this report be referred to Community Development and Recreation Committee for their information.

### **Financial Impact**

This report has no financial impact.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

In August 2006, senior management of Toronto Homes for the Aged proposed that contingent upon approval of City Council and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Bendale Acres partner with the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service (Scarborough Hospital) to provide a 30-station hemodialysis clinic at the home. The proposal indicated that the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service would be responsible for all capital and operating costs associated with renovating and operating this satellite dialysis clinic.

The Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service proposed to enter into a 10-year lease for a renovated 10,500 square foot space at the home at a fair market price to be negotiated between the City of Toronto and Scarborough Hospital. Revenues received from this lease agreement would have served to offset day-to-day net operating costs associated with Bendale Acres.

Following the approval of City Council, the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service was to submit their proposal to the MOHLTC by the required date of November 1, 2006.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

End-stage renal disease (ESRD) is growing at a rate of about 10 percent each year in Ontario. However, Ontario has reached its saturation point for in-centre hemodialysis capacity and the MOHLTC and other partners have been involved in attempting to find innovative solutions to expand the capacity for both hemodialysis (HD) and peritoneal dialysis (PD). The MOHLTC has considered several major policy papers and reports over the last number of years, with recommendations about how to improve dialysis service for residents of long-term care homes and community clients.

The Rising Tide of End Stage Renal Disease Report (2003) recommended that the MOHLTC, in partnership with regional dialysis programs and LTC facilities “establish hemodialysis services in LTC facilities in Toronto”. The Toronto Dialysis Task Force Report (2005) made a similar recommendation.

The Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service operates out of the Scarborough Hospital. The Scarborough Hospital and Bendale Acres have had a long-standing collaborative working relationship, given the proximity of the buildings, including collaboration related to dialysis patients who reside in Bendale Acres and receive dialysis at the Scarborough Hospital. Over the last three years, approximately 12 residents of Bendale Acres have received dialysis treatment through the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service.

In their three-year plan (2005-2008), the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service highlighted five (5) initiatives to address the hemodialysis need over the next few years, including an expansion of assisted self-care, expansion of dialysis service at Bridgepoint Health and Toronto East General Hospital and the creation of satellite dialysis clinics, including the creation of a dialysis clinic in a long-term care home.

## **COMMENTS**

At the time of the proposal submission, we believed that the close proximity of Bendale Acres to the Scarborough Hospital allowed for maximum efficiency in operating a satellite clinic for community clients. There are approximately 280 patients with stage 5 chronic kidney disease attending the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service and a large percentage of these patients live in the immediate Bendale Acres – Scarborough Hospital area.

The Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service operates at over 100 percent capacity and has the critical mass to sustain and support satellite clinics. Current estimates suggest that the demand for HD within the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service catchment area will continue to grow at a high rate until approximately 2010, after which it will level off at approximately 12 percent growth per year.

The Home's auditorium offered an ideal space for renovation and the creation of a satellite HD clinic. It is a ground floor location and could have provided dedicated entrance to the clinic without access through the home itself. It offered good public transit access, ample parking, space for dedicated covered waste storage and pickup and direct access for the delivery of HD supplies. It had the capacity to create 30 hemodialysis stations for treatment. Six (6) of these stations would have been physically separated from the remaining 24 and would have been dedicated for residents of Bendale Acres and other long-term care homes. The clinic would have been fully staffed by and operated by the Scarborough Regional Dialysis.

Unfortunately, the proposal was not approved and Bendale Acres and the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service will not be proceeding with a satellite clinic at this time. We understand that a clinic has been approved to be located at Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care. Notwithstanding this, Bendale Acres remains committed to serving the community's needs for dialysis care and intends to continue discussions regarding the potential for a future satellite clinic in the home through ongoing discussions with the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service and the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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