

November 17, 2006

To: Community Development and Recreation Committee

From: Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Subject: Membership – Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged
Ms. Beth Morum

Recommendation:

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that:

- (1) Ms. Beth Morum be appointed to the membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and**
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.**

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on November 17, 2006, considered a report (November 1, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Ms. Beth Morum be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

City Clerk

Brad Bartlett/lv

Item 3

Sent to: Community Development and Recreation Committee
General Manager, Homes for the Aged

(Report dated November 1, 2006, addressed to the
Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged
from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged)

Purpose:

To recommend the appointment of Ms. Beth Morum to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, as the designated member representing the Inter-Home Advisory Committee.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Recommendations:

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- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged requires a maximum of 12 members, including six (6) interested citizens whose past and professional and community involvements demonstrate an interest and concern in long-term care of the elderly, and designated members representing organizations such as the Inter-Home Volunteers, Inter-Home Advisory Committee, the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program and Residents' Councils. Ms. Anita Gittens, previous Chairperson of the Wesburn Manor Home Advisory Committee and Chairperson of the Inter-Home Advisory Committee has recently resigned from both advisory committees, due to her appointment as a Director on the Board of Directors of the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). As a result, there is a need to fill the designated membership from the Inter-Home Advisory Committee on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

The Inter-Home Advisory Committee is a network of the Chairpersons of the ten (10) Home Advisory Committees, in which the members are able to participate in the sharing of leading practice information, receive updates from senior management and contribute to division-wide planning. The Inter-Home Advisory Committee meets every other month and is supported by the General Manager. Membership of the Chairperson of the Inter-Home Advisory Committee on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged provides a valuable linkage between the Homes' committees and the Divisional-level committee.

At its meeting on September 27, 2006, Ms. Beth Morum was selected by her peers as the new Chairperson of the Inter-Home Advisory Committee. As such, this report seeks approval for her appointment to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

Comments:

Ms. Morum has been a member of the Seven Oaks Home Advisory Committee since 2000 and Chairperson since 2004.

Professionally, she is a registered nurse and is employed as the Clinical Practice Leader in the Continuing Care and Rehabilitation Program at the Rouge Valley Health Centre. In this role, she is responsible for providing education to the care team, mentoring new staff and encouraging the adoption of leading practices. She acts as a member of various planning committees, such as the Regional Stroke Program Education Committee and the Frail Elderly Alliance of Durham Region to further enhance learning and system integration. Her background also includes experience as a Director of Care and Coordinator of Care for Well Seniors in long-term care settings.

Conclusion:

Beth's background and understanding of the health care system and the importance of collaboration and integration makes her an excellent candidate for membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged. Beth has confirmed her interest and willingness to serve in this capacity for the required term. Beth is replacing Anita Gittens as the representative from the Inter-Home Advisory Committee. Ms. Gittens was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Central Local Health Integration Network and as such is no longer able to continue in her role on Toronto Homes for the Aged Advisory Committees.

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