



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Kipling Acres – Request for Expenditure from Volunteer Donations Account

Date:	July 7, 2008
To:	Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
From:	General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services
Wards:	Ward 2
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

Each home has a variety of donations accounts and Toronto Long-Term Care Homes and Services has an overarching policy that requires any expenditure request from a donations account to have the support and endorsement of both the Home Advisory Committee and the General Manager. Further, expenditure requests over the amount of \$5,000.00 also require the endorsement of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services.

The policy related to designated uses of the donations accounts states that expenditures shall not be made for the ordinary operation and maintenance of the home. The policy further states that the purpose of the donations accounts is to enrich or enhance the quality of life for residents.

Kipling Acres Home Advisory Committee has recently reviewed and approved an expenditure request as outlined in their minutes of May 27, 2008. This expenditure request is referred to the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services for the committee's further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services endorse the requested \$10,000.00 expenditure from the Volunteer Donations Account at Kipling Acres.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to the Long-Term Care Homes and Services operating budget arising out of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Kipling Acres is currently undertaking to enhance the environment in the home specifically resident units and the main lobby area. The resident population in the home has changed significantly since the home was renovated in late 1987. As a result, there is a need to enhance the décor through wall murals to improve the environment for residents and their families.

The Home Advisory Committee supported activities to enhance the resident units and the main lobby through the application of painted murals in specific areas. One of the resident units designated for murals is the secure unit. The secure unit is located on the main floor. This unit is the home for 24 residents with dementing illness. These illnesses affect judgement and place these residents at a safety risk for elopement and responsive behaviours. Research shows us that the physical environment can either exacerbate responsive behaviours or provide suitable stimulation to distract and calm. The current physical space is a single hallway. The resident rooms, dining area, small lounge with an exit to a secure outside space and nursing station are situated off this main hallway. Residents who exhibit pacing behaviours can be seen to get caught at the end of this single hallway as a result of the absence of judgement and direction that leads them out of the corners. Anxiety and frustration builds in the absence of an environment that will gently direct these residents out of the corners. The home would like to add murals to these hallway ends to divert and direct the residents through a calming environmental décor.

On each of the resident units, residents gather adjacent the dining area and nursing station. The physical environment of this space lacks stimulation and interest. The home would like to beautify this space by creating interesting murals depicting the interests of the residents who reside on the unit. These murals will enhance the attractiveness of the space and stimulate resident interest and curiosity.

The home wants to beautify the main lobby area and make it more welcoming for residents and families to visit. The home would like to enhance the décor and camouflage the concrete pillars to make it attractive and inviting to our residents and families with garden furniture and décor items, thus creating a welcoming area for residents and families to spend time together.

The home intends to engage the local artist who has completed some of the other beautification projects in several of the homes to complete these areas, as his work to date has been very much appreciated and enjoyed by residents and their families.

This project and approach was approved by the Home Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 27, 2008.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The requested expenditure of \$10,000.00 will allow the home to enhance the physical décor in line with proven therapeutic principles to support the needs of residents with dementing illnesses and to beautify the areas on the resident units and in the main lobby.

The requested expenditure will be made in a manner that complies with the purchasing requirements of the City of Toronto.

COMMENTS

The current balances in the donations accounts are as follows:

Landscape Fund	\$ 28,893.19
Day Centre Donations	\$ 3,019.39
General Donations	\$ 77,829.09
KA Toronto Challenge	\$ 62,408.71
KA Spiritual Donations	\$ 15,148.35
KA Volunteers Donations	\$ 39,745.50

The plan to utilize the Volunteer Donations account for the purchase of artist services to decorate the resident units and main lobby areas has been identified by the Residents' Council and the Kipling Acres Home Advisory Committee. These décor upgrades will greatly enhance residents' and families' enjoyment of these spaces and will upgrade the environment.

However, in accordance with the division's operating policies, expenditures over \$5,000.00 also require the endorsement of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services, to ensure that the proposed use of the Volunteer Donations account is consistent with the general purpose of the donations accounts and the proposed items will enhance residents' quality of life.

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