



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

### LTC Neighbourhood Beautification Projects

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<b>To:</b>	Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services
<b>Wards:</b>	6, 21, 28, 31
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#### **SUMMARY**

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Since 2004, residents have participated in making Toronto a Clean and Beautiful city by undertaking neighbourhood clean-ups, plantings and community art projects. In 2008, grants up to \$4,000.00 per City ward are available. Long-Term Care Homes and Services made eight (8) separate applications and thus far have been notified that four (4) will be funded through the Neighbourhood Beautification Program.

#### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In the spring of 2005, the Neighbourhood Beautification Program was launched, the result of the Five-Point Clean and Beautiful City Action Plan approved by Council and supported by the Mayor's Roundtable on a Beautiful City. The Neighbourhood Beautification Program is designed to engage communities to beautify underutilized spaces in City wards. This program complements the City's increased efforts to clean and revitalize overlooked City-owned spaces.

The program is facilitated through the Clean and Beautiful Secretariat, with support and leadership of the local Councillor and implementation and ongoing maintenance commitment by keen members of the community.

## COMMENTS

Lakeshore Lodge (Ward 6) plan to install a perennial garden at the north end of the property along Lakeshore Boulevard to beautify this high-traffic area for pedestrians and those travelling in vehicles and on transit. They have been approved and funded with \$4,000.00.

Castleview Wychwood Towers' (Ward 21) plan to improve the appearance of the bus stop and parkette in front of the home along Christie Street with plants and flowers has been approved and funded with \$1,916.50.

Fudger House (Ward 28) has been notified that \$4,000.00 has been allocated to “the bleakness of Bleecker Street” project which plans to engage a youth group to create murals and improve the lighting and vegetation along the street which borders the long-term care home to the east.

True Davidson Acres (Ward 31) has been advised that \$2,000.00 has been granted for youth volunteers to create flower beds in the concrete planters located along Dawes Road and on each of the resident decking area.

The projects at 111 Kendleton (Ward 1), Bendale Acres (Ward 38) and Seven Oaks (Ward 43) which propose installation of sun shade sails are being considered in a fall/winter tender for possible approval and construction in Spring 2009. The Carefree Lodge (Ward 24) proposal for murals to be painted on the exterior walls in a nature-inspired streetscape has received positive comments from the Clean and Beautiful City Office and is under review for funding support.

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