



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Request for Expenditure – Education Donation Account

Date:	February 12, 2009
To:	Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
From:	General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The Long-Term Care Homes and Services Division has a variety of donation accounts, including a divisional Education Donations account. Divisional practice is for any expenditure request from the Education Donation account to have the support of the General Manager and the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services.

The Ontario Gerontology Association (OGA) is hosting their 28th Annual OGA Conference in Toronto on April 30th – May 1st, 2009. The theme of the conference is “Age-Friendly Communities: Supporting Aging at Homes and Across the Continuum of Care”. Invitations have been extended to both the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Minister of Culture and Minister Responsible for Seniors to make opening remarks on each of the two days of the conference. The conference proceedings include a variety of concurrent sessions, all focused on leading practices in aging issues and the creation of more age-friendly responses/environments. The plenary session in the afternoon of May 1st provides an update on the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities initiative and the progress made in various Canadian communities.

The division is working with the WHO Age-Friendly Cities approach in current policy work and intends to send two (2) senior staff to the conference. In addition, there is merit in sponsoring two (2) members of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services to the conference. The General Manager has verified that Jack Harmer and Patricia Prentice would be willing to attend the conference as representatives of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services, contingent upon expenditure approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services endorse this expenditure from the divisional Education Donation Account in an amount not to exceed \$400.00.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

COMMENTS

The 2008 OGA conference theme extends its focus to older adults living at home, in the community and in facility-based settings. The conference includes updates from representatives of various Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) about their strategies focused on promoting healthy living, a panel addressing the WHO Age-Friendly Cities initiative and various concurrent sessions on topic such as seniors' friendly hospitals, prevention of elder abuse, mental health issues, depression and dementia, promoting seniors' independence, supportive programs for caregivers, healthcare consent and advanced care planning, supportive housing for seniors, meeting the needs for marginalized and homeless seniors and falls prevention.

The target audience for the OGA conference is very broad and includes both providers of service and consumers of service. As a result, this is an appropriate conference to ensure attendance from both senior staff and members of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services.

Both Ms. Patricia Prentice and Mr. Jack Harmer have indicated their willingness to attend as representatives of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services. Ms. Prentice is connected with the Ontario Association of Residents' Councils and Mr. Harmer is connected with the Toronto Seniors' Forum. As a result, their insights and input would reflect a broad constituency. Following attendance, Ms. Prentice and Mr. Harmer would be able to provide the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services with a summary of key points that may guide the continued work of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services.

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