



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Request for Expenditure from the Toronto Challenge Donations Account for the Design and Building of a Front Garden – Cummer Lodge

Date:	April 5, 2010
To:	Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
From:	General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services
Wards:	Ward 24
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

Toronto Long-Term Care Homes and Services has a variety of donations accounts and 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 \$7,500.00 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 from a donations account “shall not be made for the ordinary operation and maintenance of the home”. In general, the purpose of the donations account is to enrich/enhance the quality of life for residents. If a minor capital project may be described as either a home structural upgrade or improving the residents’ living environment, consultation with the General Manager or Director, Administration and Support Services is encouraged prior to a formal recommendation.

On February 1, 2010 the Cummer Lodge Home Advisory Committee reviewed and approved an expenditure request for \$15,000.00 for the design, development and construction of a front garden.

The request is referred to the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services for the committee’s further consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager recommends that the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services endorse the requested expenditure for \$15,000.00 for the design, development and construction of a front garden at Cummer Lodge, from the Toronto Challenge Donations Account.

Financial Impact

There is no impact on the 2010 operating budget.

This expenditure request is made in accordance with the criteria for use of this fund.

COMMENTS

The residents of Cummer Lodge enjoy sitting outdoors. The home is proposing to create a new garden area at the front of the home to beautify the area and enhance residents', families' and visitors' ability to enjoy the out-of-doors.

Cummer Lodge staff, families, residents and volunteers focused Toronto Challenge fundraising efforts towards the design and building of a new front stone garden at the home and create new seating areas for residents and families. In addition, new seating will be purchased to create areas to sit and visit in the adjacent therapeutic garden. This purchase will significantly increase residents', families', volunteers' and visitors' enjoyment of the grounds and frequent use of outdoor areas. This enhancement will also provide an opportunity for further outdoor programming for residents during the summer and fall months.

Research has affirmed a design, development and construction cost of not more than \$15,000.00. The requested expenditure will be made in a manner that complies with the purchasing requirements of the City of Toronto.

Current balances in the home's various donations accounts are as follows:

General Donations:	\$59,106.38
Toronto Challenge:	\$81,688.83
Volunteers Donations:	\$34,092.58
Adult Day Program:	\$25,612.47
Mitzvah Volunteers:	\$5,327.00
Spiritual and Religious Care:	\$955.33

This request is supported by the General Manager and is consistent with the intended usage of Donations Accounts.

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