
2023 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Potential impact of receiving reduced funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care for CareTO

Issue/Background:

This briefing note responds to a request from the January 13, 2023 meeting of the Budget Committee for the General Manager, Seniors Services and Long-Term Care (SSLTC), to provide a briefing note on the potential impact of receiving reduced funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care to CareTO staffing or program expansion timelines.

Key Points:

This funding is a key component of the Ministry's long-term care Provincial staffing strategy and the Fixing Long-Term Care Act 2021 to support all LTC operators, including municipalities. The Ministry has confirmed that the funding for the increased direct care hours included in the City's CareTO program will be stable and ongoing. Approximately 80 per cent of the program costs are covered by the Ministry and the City funds the remaining 20%.

Cost and Funding Breakdown for CareTO

The overall cost of the multi-year CareTO program (2021-2025) is \$80.9 million gross or \$12.6 million net. In October 2021, the Ministry provided notional allocations for this program through to March 2025. Confirmation of the 2023-24 allocation is expected to be received in spring 2023. The Ministry will review the allocations annually and adjust based on inflation and other available information. The City's share of the overall costs is expected to remain close to 20%.

The division is not anticipating reduced funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care for CareTO and so the potential impact on staffing or expansion of the program is nominal.

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