

For Information

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REPORT TITLE: **ONE TIME FUNDING FOR RESIDENT QUALITY OF CARE AND/OR IMPROVED SAFETY IN LONG TERM CARE**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

OBJECTIVE

To inform of one-time funding received from the Ministry of Health and Long- Term Care (MOHLTC) to promote a high quality of care and/or improve resident safety in long term care homes across the province.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The funding was announced in late December 2011 and required that procurement and delivery of assets was completed by March 31, 2012.
- Peel Region's Long Term Care Homes received Ministry funding of \$190,000, which was used to purchase capital assets already approved by Regional Council in the 2012 Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Long Term Care Homes Act (2007) came into effect on July 1, 2010. Since the Act's introduction, stakeholders have shared concerns about the cost of implementation, particularly the associated capital costs and required building upgrades. In response, on December 19, 2011, the Ministry announced one-time funding to "assist Long Term Care Homes' licensees with the purchase of any item or service that will promote a high quality of care and/or improve resident safety."

The 100 per cent provincially-funded initiative allocated a minimum of \$20,000 for the province's licensed long term care homes, with a top-up amount based on the number of licensed beds.

The Ministry stipulated that all goods must be procured according to the Ministry's procedures and delivered by March 31, 2012.

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In consultation, the Region's five Long Term Care (LTC) Homes determined that ministry funding could best be used to purchase assets already approved in the 2012 capital budget, which could be acquired and delivered within the provincial timeframe. Additionally, there was also an opportunity to benefit from economies of scale for items required by all of the homes. In total, \$190,000 was provided to the Region.

a) Ceiling Lifts

Malton Village was in the advanced stages of procuring ceiling lifts that provide safe resident handling for repositioning, moving and assisting with other resident needs. The lifts were approved in the 2012 capital budget. The MOHLTC funding of \$40,000 contributed to the purchase of nine ceiling lifts, including track.

b) Point of Care Kiosks

Peel's four other LTC Homes used their funding to purchase 67 Point of Care kiosks. These wall-mounted, touch-screen computers will improve the quality of care and outcomes for residents. The kiosks enable staff to enter notes on resident care, close to where they are working. This eliminates the need to transcribe hand written notes, which reduces errors, omissions or missed documentation. This supports Peel LTC's goal of addressing identified compliance issues.

Malton Village will acquire Point of Care kiosks through the approved capital budget.

c) Acquisition summary

Long Term Care Home	Equipment	Eligible Funding
Malton Village	9 Ceiling lifts	\$40,000
Peel Manor	18 Point of Care kiosks	\$40,000
Sheridan Villa	18 Point of Care kiosks	\$40,000
Tall Pines	18 Point of Care kiosks	\$40,000
Davis Centre	13 Point of Care kiosks	\$30,000
	9 Ceiling lifts	
Total	67 Point of Care kiosks	\$ 190,000

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

These one-time Ministry funding will decrease the Region of Peel's 2012 capital costs by \$190,000 in 2012.

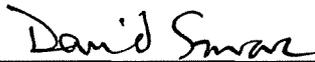
CONCLUSION

This funding supports the Region of Peel's delivery of high quality of care and improves safety for residents in our five LTC homes.



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