



Ontario Government Releases the 2013-14 Provincial Budget: Long Term Care Homes Hopeful for Much Needed Support

The Ontario Government released its 2013-14 Budget on Thursday May 2, 2013. Overall, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) spending will increase by approximately 2.3% in 2013-14 over the interim 2012-13 spending estimate. The MOHLTC fared better than any other Ministry.

Not a lot of detail is available at the time of writing this newsletter; however, long term care Homes believe that the government listened to LTC Homes' appeal during pre-budget consultations for a minimum 2% increase in nursing and personal care program funding envelopes. This was deemed to be the minimum level that Homes needed to ensure that they didn't fall further behind in trying to meet increasing resident acuity levels.

The St. Lawrence Lodge Family Council has been strongly advocating for new investment in Long Term Care Homes for several years now and hopefully, this urgent message is getting through to Government.

Within the MOHLTC, and as expected, the community sector fared well with a commitment to an overall increase of \$260M in 2013-14 with further increases totaling \$700M by 2015-16 (including the \$260 for this year). The Ministry of Finance estimates that these increases will translate into an average annual growth in spending of about 5% relative to 2012-13 spending levels. These increases refer to total spending in community care services, details on how these increases will translate into funding change at the individual provider level remains to be seen.

The government also took the opportunity through the budget to note their prior decisions: to bring on additional PSW hours, the reallocation of 250 long stay to short stay beds, the creation of 23 Health Links across the province, and the continuation of the Homes Renovation Tax Credit.

Ontario Government Announces Changes to Physiotherapy Funding Effective August 1st, 2013. Long Term Care Homes Waiting for Details

On April 18, 2013, the Ontario Government announced changes to funding for physiotherapy services, effective August 1st, 2013. In her announcement, Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, asserts that more seniors across Ontario will benefit from access to physiotherapy, exercise, and fall prevention resources. These services will be available in the community and long term care homes in Ontario.

In the meantime, the MOHLTC has informed Long Term Care Homes that they are to receive information packages in mid-May 2013 outlining the MOHLTC's intentions regarding this new direction and how it will impact on resident services.

More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters as information is available from the Ministry.



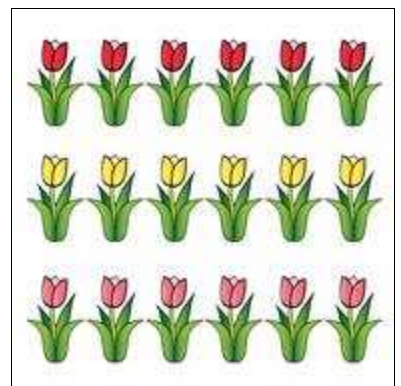
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SPECIAL EVENTS – May 2013

Wed., May 1 st	Vangie	Pine – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 1 st	Fiddler's Plus – Birthday Musical	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., May 3 rd	Jacquie	Maple – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 3 rd	Beth – Flute	Pine – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 7 th	Beth – Flute	Cedar – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 7 th	Movie Night	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 8 th	Vangie	Spruce – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 8 th	Mother's Day Tea	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., May 10 th	Jacquie	Elm – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 10 th	Beth – Flute	Maple – 11:00 a.m.
Sat., May 11 th	Tom Wilson Trio	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Mon., May 13 th	Mathew Wlekiski	Spruce – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., May 14 th	Beth – Flute	Birch – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 14 th	Happy Hour	Town Square – 2:00 p.m.
Tues., May 14 th	The Troubadours	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 15 th	Parabus Shopping – Walmart	See Dawn – 1:00 p.m.
Fri., May 17 th	Jacquie	Cedar – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 17 th	Beth – Flute	Birch – 11:00 a.m.
Fri., May 17 th	Memories of Yesterday	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., May 21 st	Beth – Flute	Maple – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 21 st	Sweet Memories	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 22 nd	Vangie	Pine – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 22 nd	The Browns	Birch – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 22 nd	Brockville Museum	Chapel – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., May 24 th	Jacquie	Pine – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 24 th	Beth – Flute	Spruce – 11:00 a.m.
Sat., May 25 th	Matt Hayes – Pub	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., May 28 th	Beth – Flute	Pine – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 28 th	Tom Wilson	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 29 th	Vangie	Cedar – 10:00 a.m.
Fri., May 31 st	Jacquie	Spruce – 10:30 a.m.

New Debit Card Services Now Available in the Business Office

Please be advised that the Home now has debit services available. Resident account or trust account deposits may be made by debit card. At this time, credit card payments are not available.

Re-usable Contenance Products

We have recently received requests to launder re-usable continence products for residents. Unfortunately, the Home is not set-up to properly process and sanitize this category of resident product. Consequently, we are unable to meet these requests.

I hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter. Have a great month!

Yours truly,



Administrator