

MEMORANDUM

PHSS 18-2012

DATE: February 7, 2012

TO: Co-Chairs and Members of
Public Health and Social Services Committee

FROM: Katherine Chislett, Commissioner Community Services

SUBJECT: **Update on Ministry Correspondence regarding
Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy (PHSS 15-2012)**


At its meeting of October 27, 2011, Council approved funding in the amount of up to \$500,000 be provided from the Capital Variance Reserves (ZCVRREG) to fund the redevelopment of Deer Park Villa (COM 43-2011) as the tender costs for Deer Park Villa exceeded the budget approved by Council in March 2010. Deer Park Villa was one of many homes in Ontario which experienced higher than budgeted costs and for which the provincial funding formula was insufficient. Council authorized the Regional Chair to correspond with the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care to request:

- Improvement in funding formulas under the Ministry's Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy; and
- A corresponding retroactive increase in funding for Deer Park Villa's redevelopment.

With respect to the response received from the Ministry (PHSS 15-2012) I wish to provide the following information:

- The Ministry has begun a process to review stakeholders' concerns, issues and impediments to redeveloping older homes that is welcomed by the long-term care home sector. Any improvements in funding conditions for redevelopment projects that may arise from this review should result in higher uptake by home operators across the Province.
- The Ministry is considering the possible retroactive application of funding conditions to home operators who undertook redevelopment projects in Phase 1, such as Deer Park Villa.
- Notwithstanding the statement in the Ministry's letter that the legislated design requirements did not vary from previous design standards, staff understand a few minor revisions in the *Long-Term Care Homes Act* relating to door security have in fact exceed the previous design standards and contributed to cost increases.

I will provide an additional update when the Ministry concludes its review.



Katherine Chislett
Commissioner, Community Services