



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Suzanne Dronick, Wellington Terrace LTCH Administrator
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Subject: Long Term-care Update

Background:

Inspection Programme:

On Tuesday October 26th, 2021, Minister Phillips announced a new inspection programme for LTC homes that will start November 4, 2021. The government will be investing \$20 million this year to hire 193 new inspections staff and will launch a new, proactive inspections programme in homes. Minister Phillips stated that under the new programme, inspectors will be given the authority to lay provincial offence charges when necessary and immediately. When fully staffed, there will be one inspector for every two homes.

New Legislation:

The long awaited new legislation for the LTC sector, entitled *Providing More Care, Protecting More Seniors, and Building More Beds Act, 2021*, was tabled on Thursday October 28, 2021 in the Ontario legislature. If passed into law, the new legislation intends to repeal and replace Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 with the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*.

Personal Support Worker Temporary Wage Enhancement:

On October 28, 2021, the Provincial government announced the investment of \$373 million to extend the temporary wage enhancement for PSWs until March 21, 2022.

Recommendation:

That the Long-term care update be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne Dronick
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