



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Wentworth Lodge

TO:	Chair and Members Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	May 10, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Wentworth Lodge Enhancements to the Courtyard - 2022 (HSC22024) (Ward 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 13
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee authorize the use of a maximum of \$10,000 from the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund bank account in 2022, to purchase equipment, materials and supplies to enhance the Courtyards and the resident activities that are hosted there, with oversight and approval of the Senior Administrator, Long Term Care.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund was established to respond to resident needs at Wentworth Lodge that cannot be met through the normal operating and capital budgets.

Through the Resident Council and Family Council of Wentworth Lodge there is a recommendation to enhance the function and aesthetics of the two Courtyards to enhance resident experience. Suggested items for purchase include raised gardens, adaptive gardening tools for resident use, gardening materials, annual & perennial plants & additional patio furniture and sun shades for both Courtyards.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: As of December 31, 2021, the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund bank account balance is \$291,995 based on the deposit of \$287,977 settlement of the Wentworth Lodge Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC) portfolio.

The \$10,000 required to enhance the courtyard would be paid from the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund with the approval of Report HSC22023 - Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Financial Status 2022, leaving the remaining 10% of the total GIC portfolio settlement in the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust bank account to be used at the discretion of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee to support resident activities and Lodge enhancements which support resident quality of life.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Through generous support of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund, the main courtyard had significant upgrades completed in 2018. The upgrades included installation of a permanent and large-scale gazebo structure, a decorative fountain and improvements in seating options.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of outdoor spaces for residents in LTC Homes has been recognized as an important intervention to minimize risk of infection while addressing overall quality of life.

Despite the recent Lodge's main courtyard upgrades, residents and families have identified several barriers to comfortably and safely use the physical space.

Both the Wentworth Lodge Resident Council and the Wentworth Lodge Family Council have had discussions with Lodge staff regarding further enhancements to outdoor areas for resident use.

Specifically, both Councils, have shared an interest in increasing the availability of shade for outdoor visiting through more permanent or effective equipment such as retractable awnings to provide shade for comfort and minimize exposure to ultraviolet radiation from direct sunlight. This need has been identified for both the main courtyard and for the internal courtyard that is used by residents living on the secure neighbourhood due to their cognitive and behavioural diagnoses.

Additionally, increasing availability of accessible garden features & tools, such as raised flower gardens, have been suggested to improve the horticultural activities for residents.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Statement of Investment Policy for the Heritage Trust Investment Fund for Wentworth Lodge

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Resident Council and Family Council have endorsed the request to have funds available to enhance the functionality and aesthetics of the two Courtyards, outside of the normal operating funds available.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Wentworth Lodge Trust Fund is managed, as per the objectives, guidelines and constraints imposed by the Statement of Investment Policy for the Heritage Trust Investment Fund for Wentworth Lodge.

This strategy allows for the preserving of the principal and latitude for the adequate liquidity of some of the Fund. The Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund cannot co-mingle funds with the City's general investments.

Donations and contributions to the Fund are strictly for the benefit of the residents of Wentworth Lodge.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A