
From: Brouwer, Andrew
Sent: December-20-13 9:16 AM
To: Moor, Linda
Subject: FW: resolution request- National Dementia Strategy
Attachments: Resolution Request- National Dementia Strategy.pdf; sample resolution.docx

From: Bates, Tina **On Behalf Of** Mayor Van Bynen
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 4:54 PM
To: Brouwer, Andrew
Cc: Mayor Van Bynen
Subject: FW: resolution request- National Dementia Strategy

Andrew,
Please see request below and proceed accordingly.

Tina Bates

Assistant to the Office of the Mayor
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From: Jessica Bertuzzi-Gallo
Sent: December 19, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Jessica Bertuzzi-Gallo
Subject: resolution request- National Dementia Strategy

Dear Honorable Mayor & Members of Council,

Attached you will find a letter of request for a resolution to be passed in your municipality in support of a *National Dementia Strategy*. It would be greatly appreciated if you could review and proceed as requested.

Thank you very much for your time and support, it means a great deal to us, our clients and all those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bertuzzi-Gallo
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S U D B U R Y - M A N I T O U L I N

Dear Honourable Mayor and Members of Council,

In Ontario today, 200,000 Ontarians over the age of 65 are living with some form of dementia, with Alzheimer's disease being the most prevalent. That is 1 in 10 seniors. The current health care costs associated with this disease are over \$33 billion annually and this amount is expected to reach \$293 billion by 2040.

The Alzheimer Societies across Ontario are calling on the Ontario Government to show commitment to reducing the challenges in the 2014 Budget with these 3 movements:

1. **Make dementia clients and their families the priority** in the next round of community funding through explicit policies for the provision of dementia care in the community.
2. Establish a **fair and standardized wait time** for long term care so that persons with dementia have equal access and Ontarians do not wait longer in some parts of the province.
3. Provide for **more staff in long term care with specific skills** to support persons with dementia – Use Behavioural Supports Ontario as the model.

We are aware of the financial situation the province is in. We are not asking for new money, but targeted investment of already committed dollars. The 2013 budget called for a 5% increase in home and community care funding- with the growing number of people with dementia at home, in the community and in long term care, there needs to be a targeted policy directing funds to this population. Without this, people with dementia are classified as "harder to care for" resulting in longer waits and unequal access to care. We have attached a supporting document to further elaborate these issues.

Please show your support by discussing and passing a resolution in your municipality. These resolutions are being compiled and will be sent to members of parliament, Honourable Claude Gravelle, MP Bill 356 and Honorable Donna Cansfield MPP Bill 52, bringing a Dementia Strategy forth in legislature, working towards adopting a National Dementia Strategy.

Currently we have over 108 resolutions passed in Ontario and over 20 pending of 375 municipalities in Ontario. We cannot do this alone, your support will make a difference to our health care system and those affected. Attached you will find a sample resolution. Please mail your copy of the passed resolution to the address below.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine LeBlanc".

Lorraine LeBlanc, Executive Director

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