



**CITY OF KINGSTON**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Report No.: 10-196

**TO:** Mayor & Members of Council  
**FROM:** Terry Willing, Acting Commissioner, Community Services  
**RESOURCE STAFF:** Linda Peever, Administrator Rideaucrest Home  
Joseph E. Davis, Manager, Finance & Administrative Section  
**DATE OF MEETING:** June 15, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Approval to enter into the Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement with the Local Health Integration Network

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Ontario Government has delegated to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) the authority to manage the performance of local Health Systems. Specifically, the South East LHIN requires Rideaucrest Home to enter into an agreement for the continued operation and funding under the Home's current Provincial license.

This agreement is to be executed by the Mayor and Clerk prior to July 1, 2010.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (the L-SAA) with the LHIN in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and the Commissioner of Community Services effective July 1, 2010.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER Terry Willing, Acting Commissioner, Community Development Services
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

**CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:**

Cynthia Beach, <i>Sustainability &amp; Growth</i>	N/R
Denis Leger, <i>Transportation, Properties &amp; Emergency Services</i>	N/R
Jim Keech, <i>President and CEO, Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

**OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

The Government of Ontario enacted the Local Health System Integration Act (LHSIA) in order to “provide accountability and transparency to demonstrate that the health system is governed and managed in a way that reflects the public interest and that promotes continuous quality improvement and efficient delivery of high quality health services to all Ontarians”. The Act also established local health integration networks accountable to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for the performance of local health systems.

The City of Kingston owns and operates Rideaucrest pursuant to the authority of a license or an approval issued under the *Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007*. The LHIN is responsible for the planning, funding and integration of health care services in the area – in our case, the southeast area.

The LHIN is responsible to ensure the health system operates to meet the goals of the Minister while the City provides the frontline services to the residents we serve. As a result, there is an ongoing partnership between the City and the LHIN to accomplish the goals of both organizations under which the LHIN is required to provide funding to the Home for operating costs. In order to do so, the LHIN is required, by law, to enter into a service accountability agreement with the Home that enables it to meet its obligations under the LHSIA.

The agreement sets out the terms on which the LHIN will provide funding to the City and the performance obligations of the city in return for that funding. Staff participated in a webinar on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> and final version of the agreement is expected soon. No significant or substantive changes are expected in the agreement’s final form.

Further, the agreement promotes the continuous quality improvement and the efficient delivery of high quality health services to our residents. In order for the Home to continue to receive funding after June 30, 2010 the City is required to execute this agreement in the terms prescribed by the LHIN and the Province.

**EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW: N/A**

**NOTICE PROVISIONS: N/A**

**ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS: N/A**

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City receives over 6.4 million dollars per year in funding from the Ministry. If this agreement is not executed within the timelines set out in this report the LHIN may:

- i. not provide funds to the HSP until the agreement is fully executed;
- ii. prorate the funding if the agreement is signed after the effective date

**CONTACTS:**

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**OTHER CITY OF KINGSTON STAFF CONSULTED:**

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**EXHIBITS ATTACHED: N/A**