

**The Corporation Of The City Of Kawartha Lakes**  
**Human Services Department, Victoria Manor**  
**Memorandum**

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**To:** Victoria Manor Committee of Management  
**From:** Pamela Kulas, Administrator  
**Date:** June 19, 2017  
**Re:** Closure of Internal Smoking Room – Vaga House

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**Background:**

In 2006, a controlled, ventilated smoking room was approved and constructed in Vaga house to accommodate eleven residents who smoke. It was anticipated that a ventilated smoking room in the home would increase the number of residents wanting to move in. Over the past 5 years there has been a significant decline in the number of residents who require a controlled smoking area.

**Rationale:**

The costs associated with maintaining ventilation and automatic door systems are in excess of \$16,000 annually. All home areas but Vaga house has a small area available to provide residents with a quiet location to eat if unable to eat in the main dining room.

In July 2016 a location outside the home was designated to erect a smoking shelter structure that met all smoking regulations and by-laws. As of June 1, 2017, one resident is able to safely smoke.

Given the significant reduction in the number of residents who smoke, approval has been obtained from Resident's Council and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to renovate and convert the internal smoking room located in Vaga House into a quiet sitting room for all Vaga residents to enjoy.

**Proposed resolution:**

**Resolved that** the June 19, 2017 memorandum dated regarding the closure of the internal smoking room in Vaga house be received.