



LONG-TERM CARE COALITION

HALIBURTON ~ CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

Deputation to City of Kawartha Lakes City Council

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WHO ARE WE?

ABOUT THE LONG-TERM CARE COALITION HALIBURTON – CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

- A **volunteer** group of Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes residents
- Dedicated to increase **awareness** about the long-term care crisis
locally, provincially, and federally
- To advocate for **change**



WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

AWARENESS

- creates understanding which builds support

SUPPORT

- creates momentum

MOMENTUM

- brings change!!!



OUR IMPACT, SO FAR...

- 11** Core Coalition members
- 220** Facebook group members to date
- 1** “Save Our Seniors” radio campaign
- 50+** **Participants from across Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes at Town Hall Meeting where Declaration unanimously passed**
- 10+** Community Letters of Support including from Haliburton County Council
- 4,327** Signatures Fix Long-Term Care Online Petition



WHY CHANGE IS VITAL NOW...

"Many of the challenges that had festered in the long-term care sector for decades — **chronic underfunding, severe staffing shortages, outdated infrastructure and poor oversight** — contributed to deadly consequences for Ontario's most vulnerable citizens during the pandemic."

"**Now** is the time to revisit the delivery model for long-term care and adopt a better way to provide care for Ontario's seniors"

Ontario's Long-Term Care
COVID-19 Commission

THE HALIBURTON - CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

DECLARATION TO FIX LONG-TERM CARE

We, residents from across Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, and friends, gathered together virtually, declare that we are of consensus that to fix long-term care, we need to:

1. Amend the Canada Health Act to include Long-Term Care:

Include long-term care under the Canada Health Act to ensure public funding and apply national standards

2. 4 Hours of Direct Care:

Implement the recommendations of the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario, including increasing staffing to ensure at least four hours per day of direct care per resident immediately, not in 2024; raising wages of front-line workers; improving workloads, working conditions, and conditions for care; increasing infection prevention and control and nurse practitioner expertise in care; and enhancing specialized (e.g. geriatric) expertise in LTC leadership

3. Inspections and Enforcement:

Reinstate thorough annual Resident Quality Inspections, of all Long-Term Care homes, with consistency in enforcement when inspections yield rule violations in homes. Include unannounced inspections

4. Change the Culture of LTC:

Change the culture of long-term care to being more attentive to the value of our elders, and increasingly resident and rights-based, including ensuring consistent implementation and safe expansion of the government of Ontario's long-term care essential caregiver (visitor) guidelines. Explore new models of care including from other countries that will make the Long-Term Care feel more like home such as the Butterfly Model of Care and other income-inclusive models

5. Take Profits out of LTC:

Cease using private sector, for-profit companies for new nursing homes in Ontario

OUR REQUEST OF COUNCIL & OUR OFFER FOR COUNCIL

THE ASK:

For the City of Kawartha Lakes Council to provide a Letter of Support in favour of the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition's Declaration to fix Long-term Care

THE OFFER:

To meet with the City to discuss how the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-term Care Coalition can support the City of Kawartha Lakes advocacy through the Eastern Ontario Warden Caucus (EOWC) for improvements to the Long-term Care sector

THANK YOU



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