

### Your Advice is Requested Residents' Council Bylaw Template

March 2017

In response to member feedback, OARC's Education Team is looking for Residents' Councils willing to trial a newly drafted template designed to support Councils in developing their bylaws. Participant feedback on the useability of the template will assist the Education Team to improve and implement the tool. Bylaws assist Councils in providing guidance and rules around the actions of its members. The template will include basic governance items such as elections, roles and responsibilities, and financial management.

Can you help us? Please email Jennifer Langston [jlangston@ontarc.com](mailto:jlangston@ontarc.com) if your Residents' Council is interested in testing the template.

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### OARC Membership Renewal

Thank you to those Residents' Councils who have once again supported OARC through membership! OARC Membership Certificates will be mailed next week. Membership dollars contribute to education and services for Residents' Councils across Ontario. Your support helps OARC to work with residents, long-term care homes, government, researchers and other organizations to address issues identified by you. If you haven't already renewed your membership or are interested in becoming a member, please contact Jennifer at 1-800-532-0201 or [jlangston@ontarc.com](mailto:jlangston@ontarc.com).

A special thank you to Extendicare Inc. for renewing their corporate membership with OARC again this year.



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### Update from OARC's Education Team

March has been an exciting month for the Education Team, travelling to 10 Long-Term Care homes to visit Resident's Councils who have invited OARC into their home for presentations. Our travels span from Haliburton, the GTA to many homes along the eastern portion of the highway 401 corridor. Typically wait lists are long for in-home visits. Residents' Councils are reminded that technology now makes face to face visits possible via a computer.

Our live webinar, entitled "Transitioning to a Shared Leadership Model for Residents Council" was well attended. The webinar is now available to all on our YouTube channel.

In the January edition of OARC in Action, we had requested that Residents' Councils share their experiences about their financial processes. Many thanks to all Councils who participated. As follow-ups, there will be an article in our next edition of Seasons and a live webinar education session is currently being planned for May 2017 (registration information to follow).

## Togetherness Training Workshop



Togetherness Training - Toronto

THANK YOU for Baycrest Centre for Learning, Research and Innovation for their support in hosting Day 1 of Togetherness Training in Toronto. The day was spent learning about Residents' Council basics, relevant legislation and about each other. Homes networked with each other and we are all looking forward to Day 2 on June 13, 2017.



Togetherness Training - Ottawa

The Education Team spent time in Ottawa this week holding several in-home education sessions with Residents' Councils and Day 1 of another Togetherness Training Workshop on March 29, 2017. A big THANK YOU to the Bruyère Centre for Learning, Research and Innovation for their support in hosting Day 1 of Togetherness Training in Ottawa.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming education events [www.ontarc.com](http://www.ontarc.com)  
We encourage you to bring this information to the next Residents' Council meeting in your home.  
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