

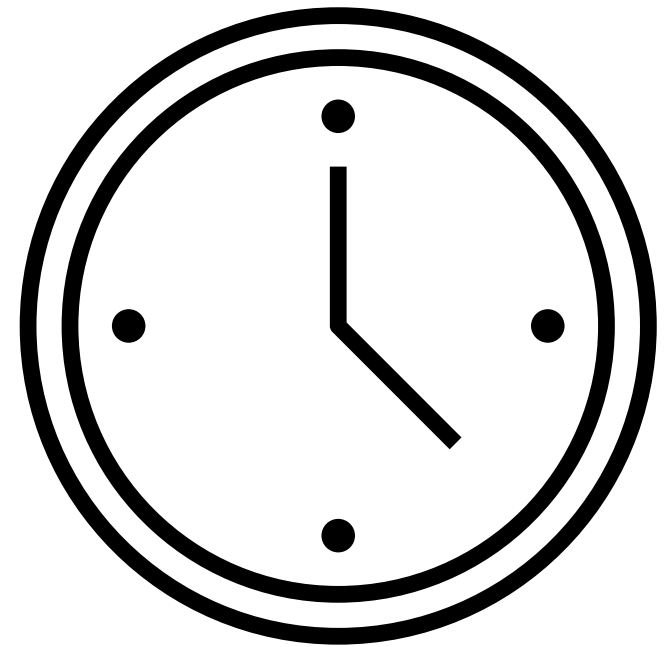
Ready, Set, Engage!

Residents' Council Week 2026

Our Time Together



- ▶ Welcoming Special Guests and Panelists
- ▶ 2026 Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award
- ▶ OARC's New Website Reveal
- ▶ More Ways to Engage During RC Week
- ▶ Questions and Conversation



Land Acknowledgement



Together, let us now pause as we acknowledge the Indigenous Peoples of all the lands that we are on today, from wherever we are virtually participating in today's meeting. Let us take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the land we each call home.

We do this to affirm our commitment and responsibility to improving relationships between nations, and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous Peoples and their cultures.

We acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people who call this nation home.

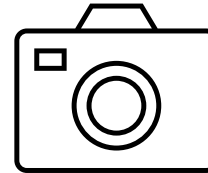
Let us now join in a moment of reflection to acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and to consider how each of us, in our own way, can move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Webinar Housekeeping



Question Box

Type questions in the Q&A box. We will answer as many as possible during the presentation.



Group Photo

We'd love to take a group photo at the end of the session. Feel free to turn off camera/log off if you would prefer not to be captured.



Recording

Today's discussion will be recorded and shared with participants following the session via email.



Evaluation

After the webinar, a pop-up screen asking you to complete a survey will appear. Your feedback and suggestions are appreciated.

Meet today's Speakers



Stephanie Ventura
Director of Education



Melissa McVie
*Executive Director (Acting)
Director of Communications*



**Hon. Natalia
Kusendova-Bashta**
*Minister of Long-Term Care
and Francophone Affairs*



Andrea Phoenix
Resident Leader



La Vern E. Simkins
Resident Leader



Chelsey Wheeler
Account Manager, Intent

Learn About OARC



Watch our OARC
promo video on
Youtube!

<https://shorturl.at/Stk0S>



What is a Residents' Council?

Residents' Councils are a vital part of the culture and resident experience in every long-term care home.

Every LTC home in Ontario is required by law to have one!



“

It's important to have a listening ear and make sure you bring back all suggestions to the table. It's important to have my co-resident voices heard.

**PETER DAWSON RESIDENTS'
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**



Welcome

Minister of
Long-term Care,
the Honourable
Natalia Kusendova-
Bashta

Blue Ticket Winners!



Congratulations to our Residents' Council recipients!

- ▶ Espanola Nursing Home (Pictured)
- ▶ Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long Term Care
- ▶ Foyer Richelieu Welland



Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award

Sharron Cooke, April 1948 – August 2022

“ You can have all kinds of nice things in your home but the atmosphere and interaction with residents shows more person-centred care than material items. A friendly smile, conversation, involvement of volunteers, team members etc. make a good home. **That is all any resident will ask for; the company of a friend to talk and listen to...life is simple really.**

~ Sharron Cooke, Former OARC President



Sharron and her team members

Congratulations

Humber Meadows Long-Term Care Home



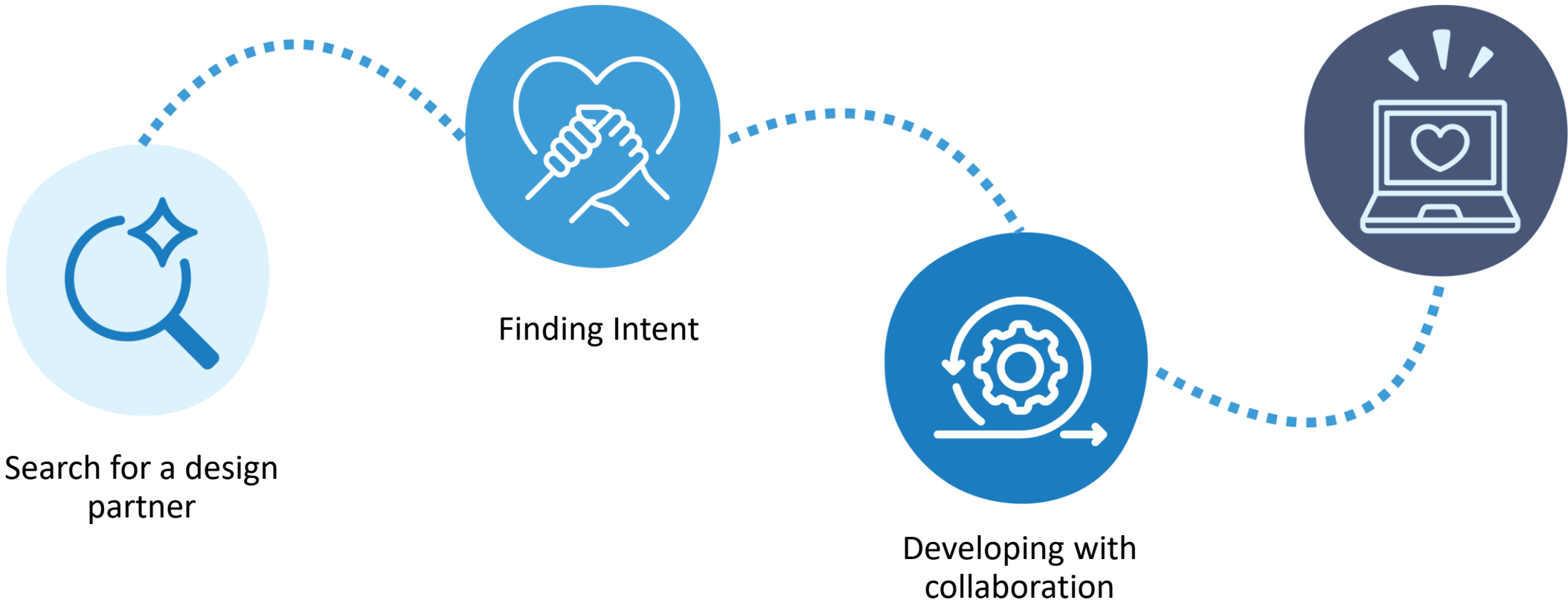
Our 2026 Sharron
Cooke Annual Legacy
Award Recipient



OARC's New Website Tour



A brand new website!



OARC's New Website Tour



Welcome

Chelsey Wheeler
Account Manager
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More Residents' Council Week Fun!

- ▶ Forums (French and English)
- ▶ Online printable materials and activity sheets
- ▶ Join us online! Use the hashtag #RCWeek to share your celebrations



Ready, Set, Engage

with OARC's Resident Engagement Toolkit

- Now available in French
- Implementation tips and resources available online
- Connect with your Regional Coach to learn more and receive a hardcopy



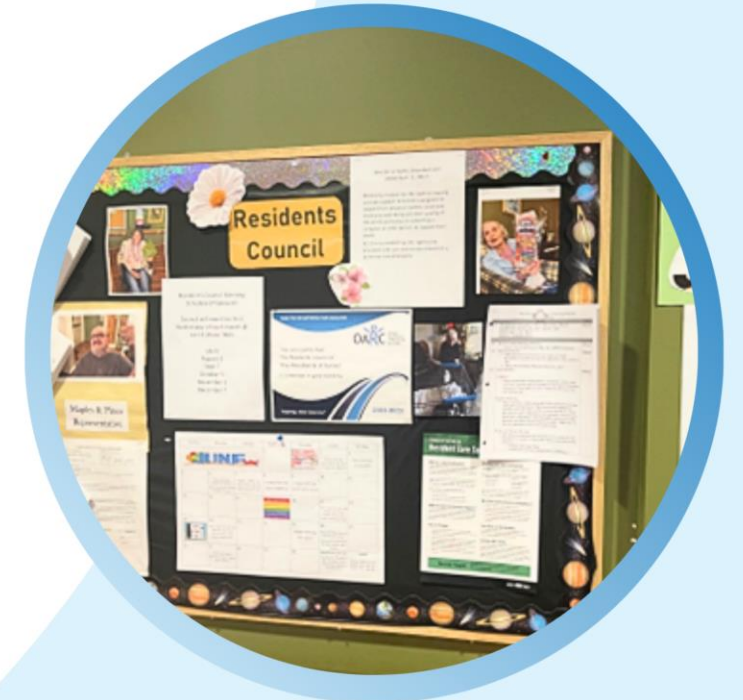
RC Week Planning

RC Week Contest

Your Council, Your Story: Show us your Brag Board

Thank you to all homes who worked together with their Residents' Councils to submit to our contest!

**Winners will be announced
Friday, September 18th!**



Questions and Conversation

**Tell us what you're doing
to celebrate RC Week 2026**

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