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September 12, 2022

Happy Residents' Council Week

There has never been a more important time to recognize and reconnect with the true value and importance of Residents' Councils, and to celebrate the people who contribute to and support the success of the Council in your home.

Is your Council experiencing a period of transition or transformation? This Residents' Council week might present an opportunity to re-envision and to lay the groundwork to move forward in a new and different way. Perhaps your Council is well-established, but you're looking for ways to be even more inclusive and innovative – there is always room to expand and grow. Whatever your reality, the OARC team is here and eager to assist you along the way.

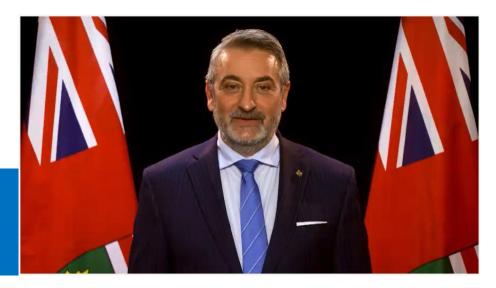
To support you on your Council's journey, we hope that you'll have a chance to utilize some of our **Residents' Council Week** resources to spark some conversation and raise awareness about your Council in your long-term care home. We hope that you will plan to join us and engage with some of our program offerings this week.

Wishing you an inspired and uplifting start to Residents' Council Week 2022!

Your OARC team

View a Special
Greeting from
our Minister of
Long-Term Care

Residents' Council
Week 2022



Residents' Council Week Events and Activity Ideas September 12-18

September 13 - Tips Tuesday

OARC has compiled a new <u>Residents' Council Foundations Frequently Asked Questions</u> (FAQ) document capturing some of the most common questions received by our team. Consider holding a Residents' Council information session or discussion group to review OARC's tools and resources including the FAQ to enhance your Council operations!

September 14 - Webinar Wednesday

Whether you're a newly formed Residents' Council, or a well-established group simply looking for a refresher, OARC has developed a <u>Residents' Council Foundations video</u>, where OARC Resident Leaders share some promising practices for Council operations, leadership structures, inclusive meetings and more. Consider bringing small groups of residents together to view this video and bring some ideas to your next Council meeting.

September 15 - Thoughtful Thursday

This day is dedicated to resident friendships, peer support and sharing. Join OARC's **Resident Forum** and look forward to connecting with other Ontario LTC residents for some candid conversation.

September 16 - Festive Friday

<u>Register today</u> to join us from 2pm-3pm for live music with special musical guest Deidrey Francois. OARC recommends hosting a mini viewing party in your home as part of your Residents' Council Week festivities. Residents may also be supported to tune in from the comfort of their own rooms. OARC will also be announcing the winners of our Residents' Council Week <u>Show Us Your Boards contest</u> during the live concert.