

*Celebrating*

Residents' Council Week  
2025

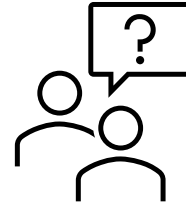


# Webinar Housekeeping



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# 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 to consider how each of us, in our own way, can move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.





# THANK YOU

for Participating in the Express your  
Rights Residents' Council Week Contest





...as we've sworn to keep.  
In privacy's shelter, our tears fade away.

The right to be honored, to live without shame,  
This promise of care is forever the same.

**Brown limbs** stand strong, steady, and wide.  
The framework of justice on which we rely,  
They lift up the branches, hold all with care.  
A home for our rights, for all to share.

**Pink limbs** remind us we will not be hushed,  
Our laughter, our music, in joy freely rushed.  
Our stories are spoken, our presence is known,  
No one's left hanging, no one's alone.

**Blue limbs** carry our voices with pride,  
The right to be heard, not pushed aside.  
No power, we claim our space,  
Like rivers that no wall can erase.

...respect we are due,  
...with, tried and

**Diamond branches** sparkle, forever bright,  
The right to our language, our cultural light,  
In every gesture, in every sign,  
Connection is sacred, communication divine.

And yet it's the smile, so gentle, so free,  
That bridges all hearts in sweet unity.

But the Bill of Rights Tree grows even more,  
Each branch unfolding new rights to explore:

- The Branch of Healing, where kindness resides, where comfort and safety walk side by side.
- The Branch of Fairness, where justice is clear, no judgment, no bias—just listening ears.
- The Branch of Belonging, a safe place, where all find a respect...

### THE BILL OF RIGHTS TREE


...these branches bloom radiant flowers,  
...their fragrance of freedom, their life-giving powers.

...the roots, they nourish the ground,  
...welcome all voices, where joy is found.

Families gather, residents sing,  
...from marvel at the peace it can bring,  
...woven with rights that are true,  
Protecting the many, embracing the few.

So come, rest, and swing, let your spirit be free,  
On the branches of our BILL OF RIGHTS TREE.

— By Herb ZIE



# Dearness Home, London

Bill of Rights Tree and  
Poem referring to the Residents' Bill of Rights

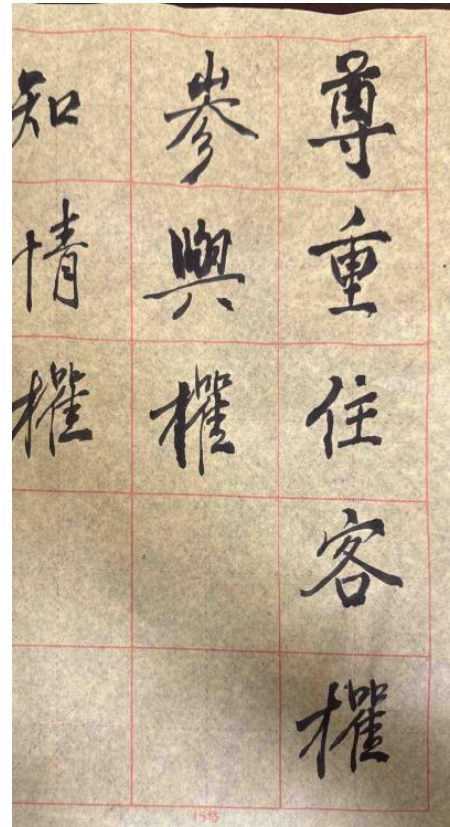




# King Nursing Home, Bolton

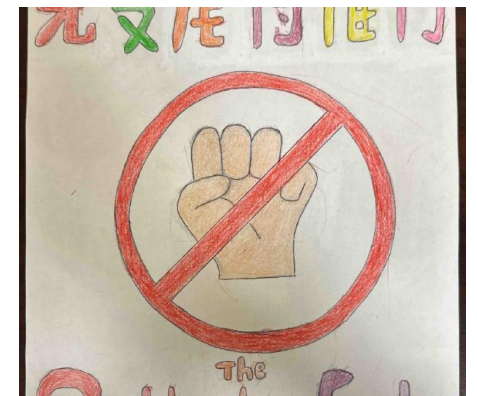
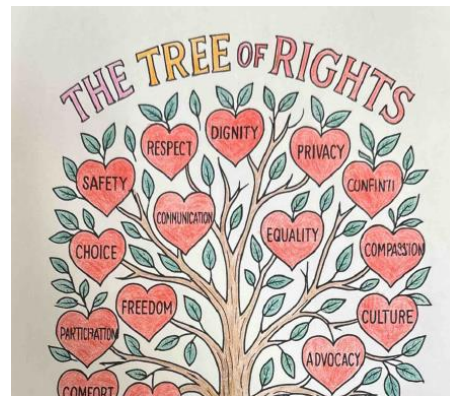
Dona and Mario's Love Story supporting  
Residents' Bill Of Rights #7 and # 8







# Yee Hong Ho Lai Oi Wan Centre, Markham


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