

## **Chester Village Family Council**

**Minutes: February 23, 2022**

Unfortunately, Cynthia was unable to attend our meeting in person this evening. She did send two documents for us to review and these documents are attached to this message.

Lynne reviewed the documents for all attendees and time was allowed for questions of clarification.

It was noted that, where the documents referred to being “fully vaccinated”, unless otherwise indicated, the reference was to the Ministry’s current definition of fully vaccinated as having had two vaccines at least 14 days previous.

We were reminded that masks must be worn at all times and that visitors are not allowed to eat or drink in the Home though they may join their family member in the dining room and at activities if spacing allows.

### **Questions and Concerns:**

(1) There was a question about whether the activity calendars were available on Chester’s website.

If you go to [chestervillage.ca](http://chestervillage.ca), you will find a heading named “Services” near the top of the page. Click on this heading and then choose “Our Services” and “Activities and Events”. There you will find a list of the Activity Calendars for each home area.

(2) There was a question about bringing family pets in to visit residents as was allowed before Covid-19. Family members feel that pets provide comfort to residents which is important to their well-being. The question has been asked several times and it is hoped that an answer will be soon forthcoming.

One family member mentioned that there is a Ministry requirement that each LTC home have a “Pet Policy” in place as noted here:

*There must be a written policy respecting pets in the Home. The policy should address any health and safety issues related to pets in the Home, such as pets’ health and temperament and up-to-date vaccinations.*

It is not clear whether this policy relates to family pets or pets such as therapy pets and pets that reside permanently in the Home.

### **Notes of Appreciation;**

Several expressed their appreciation for the relaxed restrictions which are allowing easier visiting and more activities for residents.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**