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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator, Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Homes for the Aged Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **MEDICAL DIRECTOR: CARLETON LODGE**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee and Council confirm the appointment of Dr. John C. Russell as Medical Director of Carleton Lodge.

BACKGROUND

The Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act requires that Regional Council appoint "...a legally qualified medical practitioner as the physician for the home...who is responsible for the medical paramedical and nursing care and services provided to the residents...", R.S.O. 1980, c. 203, s. 12(4). The Medical Services Standards and Criteria under the new reformed long term care system require that "medical services shall be organized to meet residents' medical needs, including assessment, planning and provision of residents' individualized medical care, consistent with professional standards of practice".

The position is required to replace the Carleton Lodge Medical Director who retires on May 31, 1996. The position was advertised in the local newspapers and Dr. Russell was selected from among the four applicants interviewed. Dr. Russell is a legally qualified medical practitioner, licensed to practise medicine in the province of Ontario.

The interview board consisted of the Commissioner, the Executive Director and Director of Nursing of Carleton Lodge.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The department conducts an annual survey of families to determine the level of satisfaction with services provided in the three homes for the aged. Medical services are included in the survey. The last survey revealed a high level of satisfaction with medical services existed in the homes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The province establishes a per bed rate for Medical Director services. The current rate is \$5.65 per bed per month.

Funds have been provided in the 1996 Operating Budget.

*Approved by
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