



*Musquodoboit Valley
Home for Special Care*

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Family Council - Terms of Reference

Mission

Our Mission is to provide sensitive and caring support for families and friends of Residents who live at Musquodoboit Valley Home for Special Care (MVHSC). We strive to create bonds of friendship and provide a safe and knowledgeable forum for the concerns and involvement of families.

Guiding Principles

- To comfort and motivate friends and relatives of Residents who live at MVHSC.
- To improve quality of life, wellbeing and happiness of the Residents through involvement in activities, visitations, and program development.
- To provide input and act upon shared concerns.
- To promote positive attitudes towards aging and the role of Long Term Care Centers in the Health Care System.

Purpose

To advocate on behalf of Residents by:

- Responding to queries raised by families or friends.
- Encouraging participation of families and friends in individual visitation and collective activities.
- Lobbying external stakeholders and funders to raise awareness of Long Term Care issues.
- Being informed of the recommendations of the Department of Health and Wellness and other stakeholder reviews.
- Understanding the Provincial structure of Long Term Care.
- Representing the interests, concerns, and rights of Residents and their families to respective groups, organizations and political representatives.

Membership

The Family Council may consist of:

- Family members and friends of Residents who live at MVHSC.
- Health Services Manager, Long Term Care Clinical Supervisor or Delegate(s).
- Volunteers.

Meetings

- Family Council meets quarterly or more frequently as the need arises.
- Minutes are kept and posted on the Resident Council bulletin board.