**ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF [INSERT NAME OF HOME]**

*Resident and Family Councils*

The *Continuing Care Act went into effect on April 1, 2024 and* supports the establishment of resident and family councils in type A and B continuing care homes and supportive living accommodations with four or more residents. Your facility operator/service provider is required to support the establishment of a council within your facility.

### What the purpose of a council?

A council is intended to be a forum where residents and their family members can:

* improve the quality of life for all residents;
* work together on issues with their facility operator/service provider;
* identify needs and concerns of residents; and
* be involved in decision-making.

### What does a council look like?

Residents and family members will be free to decide on the council structure and processes, including:

* members’ roles;
* meeting format and frequency; and
* when and how facility representatives should be involved in council meetings.

### Interested in starting a council?

If you are interested in starting a council at [insert facility name], please contact your facility representative. Your facility representative is [insert name] and can be contacted [insert contact information].

For more information about resident and family councils and how to form a council in your facility, visit <https://alberta.ca/resident-family-councils.aspx>.