

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILY COUNCILS

BC Govt News - Nov. 3 2022. Change in regulations deepen resident and family engagement in long-term care

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Ministry of Health - Developing, Supporting and Maintaining Resident & Family Councils

<https://bit.ly/MOHGuidelines2023>

BC Care Providers Association

<https://bit.ly/GuideToFamilyandResident>

Seniors Advocate of BC

<https://bit.ly/SeniorsAdvocateofBC>

Ombudsperson BC

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## FAFC A MEMBER OF ILTCCABC

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FAFC is one of five regional associations (one in each health authority) who are members of the Independent Long-Term Care Councils Association of BC (ILTCCABC).

ILTCCABC is a provincial association of independent LTC family councils. Visit [www.iltccabc.ca](http://www.iltccabc.ca) and see our **family council structure**.

Each independent family council can elevate its collective voice not only locally to its respective LTC home operator but regionally to the health authority via FAFC and provincially to the Ministry of Health via ILTCCABC.

**FAFC is a member of the Independent Long Term Care Council Association of BC (ILTCCABC) and, therefore, has the platform to raise your concerns to the Provincial level.**



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FAFC

**Building Bridges of Communication**

**Formally established in 2021, Fraser Association of Family Councils (FAFC) represents independent member Family Councils operating in long-term care homes located within the Fraser Health Authority**



**PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!**

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## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

### Please Reach Out To Us!

We encourage resident's family members/friends and individual community members to volunteer with our organization!

#### [Become a Volunteer](#)

Someday you, a loved one or friend may need to enter long-term care. Join us in working towards Long-Term Care (LTC) reform that will provide the quality of care and quality of life that residents' desire.

Wouldn't it be advantageous to have Resident Council and Family Councils collective voice in every LTC home across BC to advocate for all LTC residents?

Where there is a will there's a way! When people come together, they can create a powerful force!

#### **LTC Resources Resident and/or Family Councils**

[Ministry of Health - Long-Term care Councils Guidelines](#)

[BC Care Providers Association Guide to Long-Term Care Councils](#)

## RESIDENTIAL CARE

### REGULATIONS s.59, 59.1, 59.2

### Resident and/or Family Councils

#### [Regulations regarding operations of resident and family councils:](#)

- Long-term care home operators must not attend council meetings without an invitation from the council.
- Operators are required to provide access to a meeting-room on the premises and supply equipment needed for hybrid meetings (council members can choose to attend in-person or electronically via Zoom)
- Operators are required to provide, without cost, administrative support of an employee who is approved by the council for the council meeting.
- Operators must respond in writing to all recommendations requested by the council at the meetings, including providing a rationale for any decision to reject a recommendation.

## WHAT WE DO

FAFC exists to support residents, families, and care home operators to develop independent resident and/or family councils in LTC homes.

FAFC works with LTC staff to educate them about how they can best support independent resident and/or family councils.

FAFC will assist in forming a new independent council where none exists or transitioning a staff-led council to an independent council.

FAFC provides information to assist councils in understanding the LTC system so they can advocate more effectively for residents in care.

