



March 26, 2021

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we provide information about registration for the upcoming Annual General meeting, and changes in testing for employees and essential visitors.

### **Dom Lipa's Annual General Meeting**

Join us for our Annual General Meeting, set for **Sunday April 18th**, 2021 at **2 pm** by Zoom. To register, go to Eventbrite, here <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-annual-general-meeting-slovenian-linden-foundation-dom-lipa-2021-tickets-146405255059>

If you prefer to register by telephone, please contact Ms. Maryanne Blatnik Walker at 416-621-3820, Ext. 247.

See the attached invitation letter and agenda. The last day for registration is on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Materials for the meeting will be sent by email through Eventbrite approximately one week before the meeting.

### **Covid-19 Update**

Test results for residents and staff were all negative for Covid-19 this week. Now 60% of our staff have been vaccinated.

### **Covid-19 Testing for Employees and Essential Visitors**

Dom Lipa is aiming to start on April 5<sup>th</sup> with the following testing requirements for employees and Essential Visitors (which includes caregivers) arriving at the home:

“one PCR test and one antigen test on separate days within a seven-day period. The time period between PCR testing should be as close to seven days as can practically be achieved.”

The test results must be negative.

Essential Visitors will need to book PCR tests at their own clinics. Dom Lipa will not provide PCR tests for Essential Visitors.

Dom Lipa has Point of Care Testing (POCT), with antigen tests available. Currently our testers come from an outsourced company. Self-swabbing is permitted.

If you opt to perform self-swabbing, you will have to attest that you have trained yourself to perform this test. The resources developed by Ontario Health include a document on self-swabbing as well as a training module. See <https://www.ontariohealth.ca/COVID-19/Health-System-Response-Resources#testing-and-assessment-centres>

Please let us know in advance if you wish to perform self-swabbing as an Essential Visitor, so we can make sure someone is available to supervise as you do the self-swab.

Self-swabbing for POCT antigen tests is not currently approved by Health Canada, but the Ministry of Health (MOH) is of the opinion that it is appropriate, from a clinical perspective, to do self-collection for antigen POCTs under supervision. The supervisor must be a trained individual who has appropriate knowledge, skills, and judgment to provide appropriate self-swabbing oversight.

This new directive from the Ministry of Long-Term Care relates to surveillance testing and access to Long-Term Care Homes that are not experiencing an outbreak of Covid-19. Available here <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-long-term-care-home-surveillance-testing>

### **Covid-19 Wave 3**

Ontario hospitals are seeing a clear increase in Covid-19 new variant cases which are spread more easily. In some areas of the city, 60% of the Covid-19 cases are variants of concern (VOC).

While Covid-19 fatigue has set in, we still have a long road ahead until we reach herd (community) immunity. We need to remain vigilant.

Covid-19 vaccines can help us all. Think of it as a life jacket for you if you cannot swim or it is the seat belt for you when you travel in cars. These vaccines are your best added layer of protection against Covid-19, along with your mask, hand washing and social distancing.

To see who is next in line to be vaccinated, go to <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/ontarios-covid-19-vaccination-plan>

Thank you for your continuing support and good wishes.

Please continue to stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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## Appendix A: Dom Lipa Annual General Meeting Invitation and Agenda

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Dear Members! Dragi člani!

Please join us for the Annual General Meeting of the Slovenian Linden Foundation - Dom Lipa to be held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic on

**Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 2 p.m. by Zoom**

The Directors and Administration team are very proud of Dom Lipa's achievements over the past year despite a challenging year for each of us and particularly for the long-term care sector. We are grateful for the hard work by our dedicated staff at Dom Lipa to keep residents safe. We are also thankful for the support of our community in providing music making and entertainment, gifts of flowers, outdoor signs and decorations, telephoning residents to chat, special gifts and tributes to staff, donations of iPads and other needed equipment, and much more. All these efforts helped lift the spirit of our staff and residents; Thank you!

Other achievements include:

- Diligent infection and prevention control measures to deal with Covid-19 outbreaks
- A successful first virtual Annual General Meeting in 2020
- Our first virtual Lipathon which raised \$114,995.00 (replacing our Walk-a-Thon and Luncheon)
- Regular email communications to stakeholders.

We will also share our plans for the next year, including:

- Planning based on our strategic plan
- Upgrades to our medical services and new equipment to fight the Covid-19 virus

The financial reports show a good year despite the pandemic, and our auditors will attend the meeting to answer any questions that you might have.

We welcome your suggestions and comments, please send them by mail, fax or by email.

Thank you sincerely for your continuing generosity and support for Dom Lipa, and we hope to see you on Zoom for our AGM.

V upanju, da se na občnem zboru srečamo v čim večjem številu, vas lepo pozdravljava,

**Maria Zajc McDonald**

President/Predsednica

**Clara Secnik**

Vice-President/Podpredsednica

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**Annual General Meeting**  
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**By Zoom**

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**AGENDA**

1. Musical Entertainment from 1:40 pm to 2 pm
2. Welcome and prayer at 2 pm
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Amendment of By-law
5. Review of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
6. Reports
  - I. President
  - II. Executive Director
  - III. Treasurer
  - IV. Auditor
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Nominations Committee Report
9. Election of Directors
10. Open Forum
11. Adjournment and prayer

**DNEVNI RED**

1. Glasba od 13.40 do 14. ure
2. Pozdrav in molitev ob 14. uri
3. Sprejem dnevnega reda
4. Sprememba pravil
5. Potrditev zapisnika zadnjega občnega zbora
6. Poročila
  - I. Predsednica
  - II. Izvršna direktorica
  - III. Blagajnik
  - IV. Zunanji revizor
7. Imenovanje zunanjega revizorja
8. Poročilo volilnega odbora
9. Volitev direktorjev upravnega odbora
10. Razprava
11. Zaključek in molitev

**Executive Director:** Ms. Jolanta Linde

**2020 – 2021 Members of the Board of Directors:**

Maria Zajc McDonald, President

Clara Sečnik, Vice President

Joseph Cestnik, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee

Jessica Ferkul, Secretary

William Sečnik, Chair of the Facility Committee

Father Valentin Batič

Pauline Klemenčič

Sylvia Kobal

Rozika Nesich

Father Ivan Plazar

Milan Vinčec

Alex Doma (resigned for personal reasons Oct 2020)