

October 3, 2022

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication, we tell you about our upcoming Lipathon virtual fundraiser, include messages of thank you and farewell, as well as information about recent Covid-19 outbreaks and current safety measures.

Lipathon 2022

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 19 at 6 pm and join hosts Milan Vinčec and Maria Zajc McDonald for an evening of music and fun.

The first part of the program will be for our children. Our special guest, **Tinka** will sing songs and tell jokes. We will give more hints in future communications about her.

If children wish to hear their name read by **Tinka** during Lipathon, please send a drawing by the child or a favourite joke, with their first name and age, by email to info@domlipa.ca, or by regular mail. **Tinka** will read out the names of the children who send drawings or jokes. We need to receive the drawings before November 1st.

Join our third annual virtual fundraising event! This year our goal is to raise funds to help with our building repairs and upgrades, listed below in the next section.

To donate, go to www.domlipa.ca and click on the green **DONATE NOW** button. We will also accept Interac Transfers; however, no tax receipt will be issued, unless you include your full name (as per CRA) and mailing address, telephone number and email address. You can also send this information to donor@domlipa.ca, if the information does not fit into Interact Transfer memo.

Thank you, Facility Committee Volunteers, Frank Pal, and William Sečnik

Dom Lipa's aging building is getting the attention it needs from volunteers of the Facilities Committee, Frank Pal, and William Sečnik (Director).

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Starts at 6:00pm

Join us for our third virtual Lipathon. Once again we'll exchange our walking shoes for dancing shoes, as we enjoy music from various local Slovenian bands in support of Dom Lipa. **SO SAVE THE DATE!**
More details to follow.



To donate please visit: www.domlipa.ca

Do you recognize Tinka?



Frank brings valuable expertise and great energy, along with decades of experience in the commercial real estate industry. He recently joined the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto in the new position of Manager, Property and Administration and still finds time to help Dom Lipa. William Sečnik has more than 21 years of experience in the real estate investment industry.

Frank and Will have been exceptionally busy this summer and fall, helping find competitive prices and contractors, and dealing with supply chain and labour issues, to investigate, replace or repair the following:

Capital Expenses Summer and Fall 2022	
Replace two heating and air conditioning units, which were failing the original west wing (Kastelic wing)	\$ 91,000
Replace part of the roof	415,000
Replace water storage tank	12,500
Investigate leakage into basement	57,000
Total Expenses Summer and Fall 2022	\$ 575,500

Our Lipathon event will focus on funding these important capital expenses.

Thank you, Cveta Arhar Stojko, and Update on the New Doorway to the Back Gardens



Thank you to Cveta Arhar Stojko for leading the renewal of the gardens and the "kapelca" (chapel) at the back of the Dom Lipa property. She and the Family Council gardeners have been working hard to keep the back gardens looking beautiful and welcoming for residents, staff, and visitors.

We are grateful to Mrs. Arhar-Stojko for her time and efforts, as well as her generous donation to realize her vision!

We are looking at creating a new wheelchair-accessible door in the basement to open directly to the back gardens via a swipe card. This would make it easier for Dom Lipa residents and their loved ones to enjoy the colourful gardens and extensive walkways.

The project is more complex than anticipated. We need city permits along with the original construction drawings. The suppliers tell us there is at least a 6-week wait for receiving the equipment and supplies. Thus, we will not be able to complete this project for this fall

and will aim to have it completed in early spring. The current estimate for the magnetic lock and the electric door opener amounts to approximately \$13,000 plus taxes.

Farewell Father Ivan Plazar, Director and Cris Tenebroso, Director of Care

Thank you to Father Ivan Plazar, Director, who is stepping down for the time being from the Board of Directors. Father Plazar has been a core member of the Board for over 40 years and recalls the hard work by many to establish the Slovenian Linden Foundation. He recalls personally going to various municipal offices to understand the complex application and approval process for a senior's home. Ask him to share more of his recollections!

We will miss Father Plazar for his insightful perspectives, his important reminders that relationships are key and his thoughtful opening and closing prayers.

We also thank Cris Tenebroso, the Director of Care, for his hard work since he started with us a year ago. During his time with us he has been instrumental in attracting more health care staff and has introduced a wellness package for retirement residents who need assistance in everyday activities. Cris has promised to come knocking on our door again when he returns from overseas.

Ex Officio Director: Welcome to Father Valant and Farewell to Father Batič

The bylaws of Dom Lipa stipulate that the Board of Directors include a position for the Pastor of the Toronto Slovenian Churches (we refer to this director position as 'ex officio').

We value the insight, knowledge and wisdom offered by our pastors in our role as governors of the home. With the recent announcement of Father Leopold Valant as Pastor, we welcome him to our work, and thank outgoing Father Valentin Batič for his numerous contributions to the Board.

Our Staff Rock!

Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to our residents! The Annual Staff Appreciation luncheon was held on September 27, 2022, with cohorts of staff gathering to enjoy catered Italian food, a little music and dancing, words of gratitude and lots of prizes.

Covid-19 Outbreaks

Dom Lipa has experienced two more Covid-19 outbreaks during the past few months:

- outbreak number 7 was from August 11th to September 3rd, 2022, with five residents and five staff infected.
- the most recent outbreak number 8, was from September 21st and declared over by Toronto Public Health on September 28th, 2022, with one resident and one staff member infected.

Dom Lipa continues to collaborate with Trillium Health Partners to ensure good infection, prevention, and control (IPAC) practices. On August 12, 2022, Trillium Health Partners performed a scheduled IPAC inspection at Dom Lipa and found excellent compliance.

Thank you to all staff and residents for being extra vigilant. We have had no Covid-19 related deaths to date.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

The high vaccination rate of our residents and staff is the reason for the ability of Dom Lipa residents and staff to withstand ongoing Covid-19 outbreaks.

The newest bivalent vaccines will be available for interested residents in the next few weeks. The bivalent booster provides better protection from two strains of COVID-19 – the original strain and an Omicron strain. It is likely to provide better protection this fall as we expect COVID-19 numbers to rise. For more information, please see the Toronto.ca fact sheet at <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/9080-COVID-19-Bivalent-Booster-Vaccine-Fact-Sheet-Sept-21-2022FinalV3AODA.pdf> or Health Canada website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines/moderna.html>

Covid-19 Self-isolation Period

The Ontario Government has removed its mandatory five-day isolation rule for individuals in the community who test positive for COVID-19. This is to try to have a uniform approach to viral respiratory illnesses in the community, in anticipation of an expected rise in general illnesses in the fall and winter. **However, please note that guidance for high-risk healthcare settings, including hospitals and long-term care facilities, remain unchanged.** For more information, please see Dom Lipa's website, www.domlipa.ca.

The Directors, Administration team and staff wish you a wonderful autumn!

Sincerely,

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

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