

Public Consultation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Licence Transaction Public Consultation Process

Q1. Why does the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry) hold a public consultation?

A1. In order to inform the decision-making process, the ministry holds a public consultation to gather opinions on a proposed transaction. The consultation allows the ministry to consider the opinions of those potentially impacted by the transaction, and to gain a better understanding of the unique circumstances in each community.

Q2. Who can participate in the public consultation?

A2. The public consultation is for anyone who wishes to provide their opinions on a licensing transaction for a long-term care (LTC) home. This includes the LTC home's residents, families, staff and other community members.

Q3: How can the public find out about the consultation?

A3: Details related to the public consultation will be posted in the affected LTC home and details will also be posted on the Long-Term Care Licensing Public Consultation Registry.

Q4. How can the public provide their comments on the proposed transaction?

A4. The ministry accepts written comments from the public. The public may submit their comments to:

Director under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Licensing and Policy Branch
1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 2B1

E-mail: LTCHomes.Licensing@ontario.ca
Fax: 416-327-7603

Please include the name of the LTC home and quote the Project Number on all written submissions.

If a public meeting is conducted as part of the consultation, the public meeting is structured to be an opportunity for the public to voice their opinions on a licensing transaction. The ministry chairs the public consultation and begins by providing the attendees information about the ministry's public consultation process and the proposed licence transaction. The

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Licensee of the home(s) is also present and provides information on the proposed licence transaction. After all the information has been provided, the ministry listens to individual members of the public to record their opinions on the respective transaction. The ministry provides each person in attendance with the opportunity to speak and records opinions from the beginning of the session to the end of the allotted time.

Q5. What happens after the ministry has completed the public consultation?

A5. The Director of the Licensing and Policy Branch will take all components of the licence transaction review, including the comments from the public consultation into consideration when making the final decision on the proposed licence transaction.

Q6. What happens when a LTC home operator requests ministry approval for a licence transaction?

A6. Prior to making a decision, the ministry completes a licence transaction review that includes (but is not limited to) the following:

1. Consultations on:
 - a. the public's opinion;
 - b. the consideration of the Local Health Integration Network; and
 - c. the consideration of the Home's Compliance Summary.
2. Minister's Public Interest Tests for:
 - a. the need for beds; and
 - b. who may be issued a licence for the beds (concentration of ownership, for-profit/non-profit ratio and any other consideration).
3. Director's decision on a licensee's eligibility.

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