

How family members stay informed?

- The minutes of the monthly meetings are posted on the bulleting boards on each unit once approved. In addition to posting on the website, if requested, a printed copy can be provided.
- The agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the website the Friday before the monthly meeting



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What is Family Council?

The creation of Family Councils in long-term care homes across Ontario is the result of an initiative by the Concerned Friends of Ontario Citizens in 1988. The increasing number of residents with some form of dementia, who are unable to participate meaningfully in Resident Councils and speak for themselves, underscore this need to develop autonomous Family Councils.

Who can be a member?

If you are a friend or relative of a resident of Simcoe Manor, you are welcome to join the Family Council as a Member. We also encourage relatives and friends of a deceased resident to continue their active membership, and to provide the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

I am not a member of Family Council, may I still attend a meeting?

Of course! All family and friends of Simcoe Manor residents may attend meetings at any time. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only stay a short while.

When and where do we meet?

Virtual and in person meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month unless an additional meeting is required. Meetings commence at 3 p.m. Meetings typically last 1.5 hours.

What does Family Council do?

By promoting an atmosphere of caring and support among Simcoe Manor staff, friends, and family, we believe we can achieve our goals.

- Educate and inform families
- Problem solve by sharing ideas
- Maintain two-way communication between family and Simcoe Manor staff
- Advocate for residents and their families
- Provide support for friend and family, including new Simcoe Manor residents

How do we assist new families?

Family Council welcomes you to join with them. Please contact Chair Susan Calder at simcoemanorfamilycouncil@gmail.com.

What are some examples of what has been accomplished?

Simcoe Manor Family Council has been active since 2006, and has been meeting monthly. We have elected Council members, completed a Mission Statement, produced an information brochure, and we are part of a website to keep you informed of what Family Council is doing for your loved one. Various issues affecting residents in general are raised for discussion.

