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## Report 2023-003

**Report Title:** Additional Infection Control Cleaning

**Committee Name:** Community Health

**Committee Meeting Date:** January 9, 2023

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**Council Meeting Date:** January 25, 2023

**Strategic Plan Priorities:**  Economic Prosperity and Innovation  
 Sustainable Growth  
 Thriving and Inclusive Communities  
 Leadership in Change

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### Recommendation

“That the Community Health Committee, having considered Report 2023-003 ‘Additional Infection Control Cleaning’, recommend that County Council approve additional temporary staff in order to increase cleaning/disinfecting by 35 hours per week as legislated and funded through the Covid-19 Prevention and Containment Funding for the period of 12 months and renew as required as funding permits.”

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## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to meet legislative standards for Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) requirements by increasing cleaning/disinfecting by 35 hours per week.

The Golden Plough Lodge Environmental Services team is at capacity and not able to adequately support the additional demands of COVID regarding IPAC cleaning/disinfecting.

## Background

The Golden Plough Lodge Environmental Services Department is responsible for ongoing housekeeping operations of the County's long-term care home. A key legislative requirement in housekeeping is the IPAC standards which continue to evolve, increasing the amount of routine cleaning hours. The standard requires that all high contact areas within the home must be cleaned/disinfected a minimum of twice daily. This is over and above the daily routine and reactive housekeeping/cleaning that is required.

Additionally, isolation of Covid positive or contact to COVID positive residents require resident moves which increases the frequency of complete room cleaning/disinfection.

## Consultations

*Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* – Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) standard for Long-Term Care Homes, Routine Practices and Additional Precautions for Preventing the Transmission of Infection in Healthcare Settings – Public Health Canada.

Routine Practices and Additional Precautions for Preventing the Transmission of Infection in Healthcare Settings.

## Legislative Authority / Risk Considerations

Ministry of Long-Term Care, *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*, Routine Practices and Additional Precautions for Preventing the Transmission of Infection in Healthcare Settings – Public Health Canada.

## Discussion / Options

The additional hours are tied to Covid-19 Prevention and Containment Funding.

## Financial Impact

Description	Funded Cost	Levy Impact
1859 additional hours per year	59,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## **Member Municipality Impacts**

N/A

## **Conclusion / Outcomes**

Due to the regulations and standards outlined above, staff recommend that County Council approve the additional temporary staff to increase cleaning/disinfecting by 35 hours per week, as funding permits to remain legislatively compliant for IPAC.

## **Attachments**

- 1) Ministry of Long-Term Care 'Infection Prevention and Control Standard 2021'
- 2) Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee 'Routine Practices and Additional Precautions: <https://bit.ly/3VzVyI0>