

October 8, 2020

Summary of Medical Health Officer's recommendation to end the administration at Selkirk Seniors Village

On December 9, 2019, Island Health's Board of Directors appointed an administrator to oversee the day-to-day operations at Selkirk Seniors Village (SSV) long-term care home. The six-month appointment was extended in June 2020 and required Board review prior to October 12.

On September 30, 2020, the Board made the decision to end the administrator's appointment. The Board's decision was informed by a recommendation from South Island Medical Health Officer Dr. Murray Fyfe.

Dr. Fyfe's recommendation stated, in part:

- Areas identified as needing attention when the MHO recommended the administration be extended in June 2020 have been addressed and are being well managed by the operator.
- Leadership positions are filled by individuals approved by Licensing and stability has been demonstrated.
- Progress in staff recruitment has been made and there is continued focus on this area.
- The operator adopted operating and capital budgets recommended by the administrator to ensure essential equipment necessary for the safety of residents and staff.
- Licensing indicated all outstanding areas of non-compliance identified in their reports from December 2019 and June 2020 were either fully or partly addressed.
- Frequent inspections of the facility since June have shown considerable progress and the operator has shown the ability to respond to identified concerns in a timely manner.
- The frequency of allegations against SSV has continued to decrease between May and September 2020.
- The administrator and Licensing recommended that the appointment at SSV was no longer required.

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