## **Introducing Family Council**

Family Council is a valuable connection for families to support residents of Maple View Lodge and to enrich residents' quality of life through member input.

We provide a forum for education and information and provide a voice for residents who may be unable to voice their concerns and needs.

Maple View Lodge Family Council encourages and welcomes meaningful communication and offers a direct link for families to represent their loved ones concerns.

Maple View Lodge Family Council Welcomes You where lifestyle grows good business

Developed and designed by Family Council Members

# Structure of Family Council

- Chaired by a representative from Family Council members
- Secretary records minutes and provides a written copy
- Elections held annually or semi-annually as required
- Quarterly meetings
  (January, April, June and October)
- Meeting may feature a guest speaker or to update Council
- Round Table Discussion session to raise concerns
- Minimal time commitment

Your Input Matters To Your Loved One

## Purpose of Family Council

- Maintain two-way communication between families, residents and Maple ViewLodge
- Advocate on behalf of all residents and families
- Provide mutual support for family and friends of residents including those new to the facility
- **S**hare ideas for the purpose of problem solving
- Review findings of Ministry of Health annual Inspections.

## Who Attends Family Council Meetings?

Any family member or caregiver of a resident living at Maple View Lodge may attend. If you have a loved one residing at Maple View Lodge, you are considered family.

#### **Achievements**

Family Council creativity has resulted in achievements that enrich resident life and enhance the Home:

- ✓ Wall of Art
- ✓ Welcome and support new family members
- ✓ Building family members' awareness and understanding about Long-Term Care
- ✓ Developing effective links between Family Council, Administration, Staff and Managers
- ✓ Organize speakers to address topics of interest to families with loved ones at Maple View Lodge