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Long Term Care Minister Paul Calandra provided virtual greetings to the OLTCCL Pearls in Politics 2022 Conference, noting the valued partnership with OLTCCL in delivering the Medical Director Course. Director of Stakeholder Relations to the Minister of Long Term Care from the office of Minister Paul Calandra attended the conference to take the opportunity to meet members of the Board of OLTCCL, having only met with them virtually for the last two years.

OLTCCL has continued to have meeting with the Government on ways to improve care in LTC with the Minister's Office and with Ministry officials in sector wide and one-on-one meetings. OLTCCL has advocated on a number of issues, including finding ways to ensure that medical equipment and testing are more readily available for LTC residents to minimize transfers to hospital.

The 2022 Fall Economic Statement was tabled in the Legislature on November 14th and points to continued economic uncertainty and higher inflation. There was no additional funding indicated for LTC or health care in the statement. The Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy instead pointing to the investments already made in the 2022 Spring Budget and noting the 2023 pre-budget work begins now with consultations being announced soon.

NDP MPP Catherine Fife has re-tabled a private member's bill to amend the Fixing Long-Term Care Act - Bill 21 Till Death Do Us Part, for debate. This is the third time Fife has introduced this bill, which would ensure spouses aren't separated in LTC homes. In 2019, it made it to committee stage but was not acted on for two years and the bill was cleared during prorogation of the House. The second phase of regulations for the Fixing Long Term Care Act is expected in the New Year