

The Honourable Frank N. Marrocco, Chair
Angela Coke, Commissioner
Dr. Jack Kitts, Commissioner

L'honorable Frank N. Marrocco, président
Angela Coke, commissaire
Dr Jack Kitts, commissaire

December 9, 2020

The Honorable Merrilee Fullerton
Ministry of Long-Term Care
400 University Avenue, 6th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Minister Fullerton:

The Terms of Reference for the *Long-Term Care Covid-19 Commission* require that we investigate and report the causes of the spread of COVID-19 in the Province's long-term care homes and deliver our final report no later than April 30, 2021. We understand the rationale for completing the report as soon as possible. We are however, writing to inform you that we will not have completed the investigation in time to deliver our report by the intended date.

The Commission's investigation so far has included over 70 meetings with government representatives, stakeholders, and experts, generating over 5,880 pages of public transcripts. We have delivered two interim reports including interim recommendations.

However, as wave 2 continues to spread in the community and LTC homes, we continue to gather new information and gain valuable insights into the spread of COVID-19 in LTC homes. This will better inform our findings and recommendations in our final report.

Notwithstanding the work to date, the Commission continues to encounter significant delays in obtaining government information central to the Commission's investigation. Most documents responsive to the Commission's document summonses and requests remain outstanding. To meet its obligation to address the questions outlined in the Terms of Reference, the Commission will require additional information about the measures taken to prevent, isolate and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the province's long-term care homes before and through the second wave.

In light of the ongoing pandemic, the Commission's outstanding requests for information, and the volume of data that the Commission anticipates receiving, we are writing to request an extension to the deadline for the Commission's final report to December 31, 2021. Our ability to deliver the final report by this date will require the province's full cooperation, promised in the July 22, 2020 Order-in-Council.



The Hon. Frank N. Marrocco
Chair



Angela Coke
Commissioner



Dr. Jack Kitts
Commissioner

cc. Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health