



Long-Term Care Home Update

Community Newsletter



June 2021

A Landmark Six Months

We are excited to celebrate the six-month mark of the new long-term care home, currently under construction beside the Ajax Pickering Hospital. To mark this important milestone, we are reflecting on the incredible progress made over the past few months.

- July 2020:** Last July, the Ontario government announced a new long-term care home will be built at Lakeridge Health's Ajax Pickering Hospital site as part of the Accelerated Build Pilot Program. This Program enables the new home to be constructed in months, not years, to bring 320 much-needed long-term care beds to the Durham Region faster than a traditional build.



Premier Ford announces the new build in Ajax with Sharon Cochran, Chair of the Lakeridge Health Board of Trustees, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister Rod Phillips and Minister Merrilee Fullerton

- January 2021:** Crews broke ground on the site and construction formally began.
- February 2021:** Throughout January and February, the construction team continued its excavation, including pouring concrete for the building's foundation and the installation of utility services.



Foundational work on February 9, 2021

- March 2021:** Two cranes arrived, the construction team finished pouring the ground floor, and first floor walls were erected. Lakeridge Health also hosted a special Facebook Live Town Hall where many residents from Durham Region participated in a virtual "walk through" of the home.
- April 2021:** The first floor of the home was completed.
- May 2021:** Modular elements (parts of the home that were built off-site) began to arrive in Ajax, and both the second and third floors were completed.
- June 2021:** The fourth floor is on track for completion and construction crews will begin work on the fifth floor and final sixth floor.



Crews working on the fourth floor on June 19, 2021

A Look Ahead to Summer Construction Activities

A number of important construction developments are in the works for the summer. In the weeks and months ahead, PCL Construction will install elevator cars, start the home's roofing and flooring, and begin installing the home's HVAC and power units. With so many activities on the go, work in and around the construction site will continue to be busy. Crews are working hard to minimize noise and disruption to residents' day-to-day routines.

Throughout the home's construction, it is important that we hear directly from you — our community and our neighbours.

If you have any questions or concerns about the home's construction, please email AjaxLTC@lh.ca or call **905-576-8711 ext. 34167** at any time.

Changes to Ajax Pickering Hospital and COVID-19 Assessment Centre Parking

The long-term care home build includes the construction of a new parking garage on the hospital grounds to accommodate staff, patient and visitor vehicles for both the new home and Ajax Pickering Hospital. Portions of the existing surface parking lots will close in phases to accommodate construction of the new parking garage.

Starting in June, access routes to General Public Paid Parking and COVID-19 Assessment Centre Parking at the south-end of the hospital will change. Vehicles will continue to enter the hospital grounds from the north via Harwood Avenue South, and will detour through new gates at the existing Lower East Lot. There will be clear directions and signage on-site to help drivers navigate the new routes, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause any of our visitors.



Artist's rendering of the new 500+ car parking garage for hospital and long-term care staff, residents and visitors

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