



Long-Term Care Home Update

Community Newsletter



August 2021

A Celebratory August

August has been an incredibly exciting month for the new long-term care home currently under construction at Ajax Pickering Hospital. Lakeridge Health and its partners Infrastructure Ontario and PCL Construction will mark the “topping off” of the home this month. A “topping off” ceremony is a tradition on building sites signifying that the highest point of a building has been reached. For the long-term care home at Lakeridge Health, this means the sixth and final floor is complete.

We will share more details of the topping off celebrations in next month’s Community Newsletter. Lakeridge Health would like to thank the hundreds of construction professionals and team members who made this milestone possible.

Several other exciting developments took place this month. One of the cranes was dismantled and removed from the site, crews will finish installing the home’s windows and continue installing exterior siding and roofing.

This month’s activity and the completion of the home’s structure in just eight months is a testament to the incredible progress made since January, when crews first broke ground on the site. The Government of Ontario’s Accelerated Build Pilot Program has enabled the new long-term care home to be completed sooner than a traditional build. Once completed in 2022, the home will bring 320 long-term care beds to the Durham Region and provide seniors with a modern, state-of-the-art, enriching place to call home.



Work on the final sixth floor on July 31, 2021

Let There Be Light: Looking Forward to September

While the outside of the building may look like a home, there is still a lot of work to do inside the building before residents can safely move in. With August 21 marking the completion of the building's structure, the focus now shifts to all the home's interior structures, networks, and finishes.

More specifically, the home will move from temporary to permanent power, no longer relying on generators. This means the building now has power and lights running throughout, which is a significant step towards filling the home with the essentials required to create the best care and safety for the home's future residents and team members.

With permanent power, several building systems will be brought online and thoroughly tested throughout the fall. This includes connecting the home's fiber internet connection, installing elevator cars and the delivery of laundry, kitchen, and emergency generator equipment.

The New Long-Term Care Home in the News

The [Oshawa Express](#) reported on the home's fast-tracked progress last month with a story entitled, ***Construction on long-term care home in Ajax on track.***



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Thank You for Being a Part of History!

Earlier this month, Lakeridge Health invited the Durham community to complete the *Long-Term Care Home Community Naming Survey*. With the new long-term care home at Lakeridge Health continuing to meet milestone after milestone, deciding on the home's name was an important next step and we needed your help.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and took the time to share their perspectives on the home's name. The new facility will be a place to call home for Durham's seniors and a workplace for hundreds of health-care workers across the region. We want to make sure the new home and its name reflects you — our neighbours, team members, and community — and your thoughtful ideas have helped to make this a reality.

The Lakeridge Health team is now busy reviewing the survey results and we look forward to sharing the home's name with the community in the near future.

