



Long-Term Care Home Update

Community Newsletter



December 2021

An Extraordinary Year in Review

For Lakeridge Health, 2021 has been a year of memorable milestones as the new long-term care home next to Ajax Pickering Hospital evolved from an open field to a soon-to-be home for hundreds of seniors in Durham Region. As Lakeridge Health marks the end of the year, we wanted to look back on the progress made on the new long-term care home in 2021.

- **January:** PCL Construction broke ground and construction formally began.
- **February:** Throughout February and March, 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:** Nearly 100 Durham Region residents joined our inaugural Facebook Live Town Hall to meet the home's construction and architecture teams and learn about the home's features.
- **Spring:** Two cranes arrived in the spring, the construction team finished pouring the ground floor, and the walls of the first floor were erected. By the end of May, the modular elements (parts of the home that were built off-site) began to arrive and the first three floors of the home were completed.



The partially completed third floor on May 21, 2021

- **Summer:** The summer months began with the construction of the fourth and fifth floors. We also held a "topping off" ceremony in August to celebrate the completion of the sixth and final floor. A "topping off" is a tradition on building sites signifying that the highest point of a building has been reached.



Minister Phillips signing a hard hat at the "Topping Off" to commemorate the hundreds of construction workers who have contributed to the home. Cynthia Davis, President and CEO, Lakeridge Health, looks on.

- **September:** The *Long-Term Care Home Community Naming Survey* closed with over 600 responses and hundreds of name ideas shared by the Durham Region community. We are looking forward to announcing the home's name in the new year!

- **Fall:** With the home's structure complete, attention turned to interior and exterior finishes, including elevator installation, flooring, painting, and roofing. The architectural and construction teams also completed a resident's room, with furniture, lighting fixtures, and a working bathroom.
- **December:** Activity on the home has continued at a rapid and steady rate. Outside of the home, excavation continues on the parking garage, sidewalk installation is underway, and exterior panelling will be finished early in the new year. Interior work includes mechanical and electrical finishes, washroom installation, and finishing touches on floors four, five, and six. Everyone is eagerly awaiting further milestones that will be reached in 2022!

Holiday Greetings from Lakeridge Health

As we look forward to celebrating with family and friends, the team at Lakeridge Health would like to extend our well wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **everyone** who asked questions about the home, attended our events, and read this newsletter throughout the year. Your feedback and ongoing support have meant so much to our team. A special thank you to the teams at PCL Construction, Infrastructure Ontario, and Lakeridge Health who have kept this project on track, including countless workers, consultants, and trade partners — we look forward to continuing this exciting journey with everyone in 2022!



An aerial view of the home from the east side of the building on December 4, 2021. On the south side of the building, crews are finalizing exterior panel installation and the paved road network is complete on the north side. On the top left, the site of the future parking garage can be seen.

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If you want to learn more about the home or have any questions, please call **905-576-8711 ext. 34167** or email **AjaxLTC@lh.ca**. Please note, however, that response times may be longer over the holiday season.

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