



Long-Term Care Home Update

Community Newsletter



November 2021

Construction Progress in November

Last summer, the government announced a collaborative partnership with Lakeridge Health and Infrastructure Ontario to build a new long-term care home next to Ajax Pickering Hospital using an accelerated build process. PCL Construction crews broke ground on the home in January 2021. Just 11 months later, crews are completing interior finishes in the home, including drywalling, flooring, and painting. Work continues to focus on finishes throughout the home and approximately two of the six floors are now complete. With nearly 400 workers on site each day, a new floor is expected to be completed every two weeks.

Most recently, the second floor of the home was completed, which includes a brand-new resident room with furniture, lighting fixtures, and a working bathroom.

We are so excited for 2022 when residents will move into the home and bring each room to life with their own art, family photos, and beloved belongings.

Two elevators are also now up and running with the appropriate certification. This means both elevators are fully functional and construction crews are able to use the elevators to transport equipment and supplies.

Outside of the home, you have likely noticed a few recent changes. The external hoist on the outside of the building and both cranes have been removed from the site. Siding installation is wrapping up and the home is now white, orange, and brown in colour. The road network is nearing completion and landscaping is also underway. Each day, the building looks more like a home rather than a construction site. The team at Lakeridge Health is gearing up to make the home move-in ready for 320 future residents!



A look at the east side of the new long-term care home (November 6, 2021)



Your First Look Inside the Home



A mock-up resident room on the second floor of the home



A look at the private bathroom attached to the mock-up resident room

An Update on the Name for the Long-Term Care Home

We want to thank everyone in the Durham Region and beyond who participated in the *Long-Term Care Home Community Naming Survey* earlier this fall. The number of survey responses we received showcases the importance of the naming decision and based on your feedback, we are working hard to develop and select a name that represents the best qualities of our community. Once again, thank you to all who participated. We look forward to sharing the selected name with the community shortly.

Visitor Parking at Ajax Pickering Hospital

Construction of the new parking garage adjacent to the Ajax Pickering Hospital continues at a rapid pace and is currently on schedule for completion next year. To stay on track, cranes have been mobilized on the parking garage site and, as a result, we are experiencing some temporary capacity issues at Ajax Pickering Hospital's parking lots.

We want to apologize to our surrounding community and visitors for any inconvenience this disruption may be causing. Our top priority is to provide safe, equitable, and accessible parking for all patients, visitors, and essential partners-in-care. Given the reduced parking spaces, we want to remind all our patients to please plan ahead and allow for extra time to locate a parking spot. This will ensure you will be able to keep your scheduled appointment time. We want to encourage anyone who is able to take public transit or can be dropped off for their appointment to please consider these as alternatives to driving.

At the completion of the parking garage, we anticipate a total of approximately 500 parking spaces, which includes more than 200 net new spaces dedicated for hospital and long-term care patients and residents, visitors, and staff. Once again, we want to thank you for your understanding and patience during this time and reiterate how grateful we are for the community's continued support of the Ajax Pickering Hospital.

Heading Into the Holiday Season

To maintain momentum and ensure the home is completed on time, many construction crews will remain working on the home throughout the holiday season. Lakeridge Health would like to acknowledge and thank the hard-working PCL workforce for their dedication to this very important project for the Durham community.

Stay Connected

Your feedback and questions about the long-term care home are so important to the team at Lakeridge Health.

If you have questions or would like more information about the home, please call **905-576-8711, ext. 34167** or email **AjaxLTC@lh.ca** at any time. You can also visit our website at **www.lh.ca** for ongoing updates or follow Lakeridge Health on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.