



## Long-Term Care Home Update

## Community Newsletter



**September 2021**

### A Busy Month of Progress

Work on the new long-term care home currently under construction at Ajax Pickering Hospital has reached the nine-month mark and progress continues at a rapid pace. September has been a busy month as construction crews continue to turn the building into a comfortable space and a safe home for future residents, families, and team members.

The structure of the home is now complete, and we are turning our focus to interior and exterior projects and finishes. For example, elevator installations began this month, and crews continue to install the home's roof and pour concrete on some of the curbs on the outside road network.

Exterior panel installation is also underway and set to be completed this fall. This is an exciting step forward as this panel design will make the building look more like a home.

The home's incredible progress is, in large part, due to the Government of Ontario's Accelerated Build Pilot Program. In partnership with the provincial government, PCL Construction, and Infrastructure Ontario, the new long-term care home will be completed sooner than a traditional build, thanks to the integrated modular construction approach, schedule, technology innovations, rapid procurement, and the use of hospital lands. Once completed in early 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.



*A look at the home's roof on September 26, 2021*



## A Landmark “Topping Off” Event

On August 27, Lakeridge Health held a “topping off” ceremony to celebrate the completion of the sixth and final floor of the long-term care home. A “topping off” is a tradition on building sites signifying that the highest point of a building has been reached.

A big thank you to Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP for Ajax; Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge; and Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby who joined leaders from Lakeridge Health, including Board Chair Sharon Cochran, Infrastructure Ontario, and PCL Construction to celebrate this achievement. This event is an important milestone for Lakeridge Health, its partners, team members and the entire Durham Region as it signifies that Ontario is taking one step closer to delivering 30,000 much-needed new long-term care beds to the province and 320 new beds for seniors in Durham.



*Minister Phillips signing a hard hat to commemorate the hundreds of construction workers who have contributed to the home. Lakeridge Health’s President and CEO Cynthia Davis looks on.*



*From left to right: Todd Craigen, President, Eastern Canada, PCL Constructors Canada Inc.; Sharon Cochran, Chair, Board of Trustees, Lakeridge Health; Lorne Coe, MPP, Whitby; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care; and Cynthia Davis, President and CEO, Lakeridge Health at the Topping Off ceremony in front of the long-term care home at Ajax Pickering Hospital.*

## The New Long-Term Care Home in the News

Daily Construction News featured the Topping Off Event in a story entitled, [Topping off ceremony held at Ajax Pickering Hospital](#).

The long-term care home’s rapid progress was also showcased in a recent episode of [Health 180 with Carion Fenn](#). Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP for Ajax; Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health; and Mark Murphy, Senior Director of Capital Planning and Development, Lakeridge Health all joined the episode.

## Work to Come This Fall

Looking ahead to the fall, the home’s permanent power will be energized, installation of the home’s flooring will begin, and the interior walls will get a coat of paint. The south crane will continue to be used until sometime in October when it will then be removed from the site.

As the interior work progresses, the team at Lakeridge Health will continue to provide updates to the community as the inside of the home takes shape.



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