



Long-Term Care Home Update

Community Newsletter



July 2021

A Look at the Home's Progress in July

On July 28, 2020 (almost a year ago to the day!), the Government of Ontario 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. Watching the home come to life each week has been an incredibly exciting time for Lakeridge Health and the entire Durham community and, as you've likely seen and heard, construction is progressing at a rapid pace.

In June, our construction partner, PCL Construction, finished the fourth floor and began installing wall beams and floor panels on the fifth floor. This process will continue over the next few weeks as the PCL Construction team completes both the fifth and sixth floors.

The completion of the final sixth floor is an important milestone as it signals the completion of the structure of the home. Following this, crews will turn their attention to other critical elements of the home, including its HVAC system and the installation of exterior siding and wall panels. With construction on-track and on-time, there are other exciting developments to note. More specifically, work on the home's parking garage has started and one of the cranes will be dismantled and removed from the job site towards the end of the month.

Once completed, the new 320-bed home will incorporate a modern design, as well as infection prevention and control best practices, ensuring a safe and healthy space for our region's seniors and the home's future team members.



Crews working on the sixth floor on July 17, 2021

Meet Cheyanne Hammell: One of Many Leaders on the Long-Term Care Home Build

In this month's Community Newsletter, we want to introduce you to one of the *many* exceptional team members working on the new long-term care home.

Cheyanne Hammell is a Project Manager at PCL Construction and is currently overseeing the design of Lakeridge Health's new long-term care home. Cheyanne is a mentor and leader who has led a number of transformative construction projects across the Greater Toronto Region. She was also recently named as one of the newest members of the 2021 Women's Leadership Initiative Championship Team. The Championship Team represents female-identified leaders and influencers in the Toronto region for their leadership and contributions to the city's real estate and development.



Cheyanne Hammell outside of the new long-term care home at Ajax Pickering Hospital.

With a current workforce of approximately 220 workers, Cheyanne is a critical part of a larger multidisciplinary team working together to create and build this exciting new facility that will ultimately be considered home to valued members of our community, their families and the staff who will care for them. Lakeridge Health is pleased to be a part of the process and would like to thank Cheyanne and every team member, as well as our health-care and community partners and residents across Durham Region for their contributions and interest in the home and its development.

An Update to Visitor and Construction Team Parking

In addition to the state-of-the-art long-term care home, the build also includes the construction of a new 532-space parking garage to accommodate staff, patient and visitor vehicles for both the new home and the hospital. With construction on the new parking garage underway, there will be some detours and reduced space for visitor and staff parking near the East Parking Lot at Ajax Pickering Hospital.

We also shared an update in May regarding construction crew parking on a development lot near the corner of Barr Road and Monarch Avenue. This space, which was generously donated by a local family business, will be used for on-site construction personnel to park their personal vehicles. We expect that use of the new parking site will increase over the next few months. While the new parking location will help keep residential roads in the immediate vicinity clear, we do expect increased foot traffic on the sidewalks and through the Clements Woodlot trail as workers walk to and from the site.

We apologize for any inconveniences these parking changes may cause our neighbours, visitors, and staff. We are developing interim solutions to provide additional capacity over the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns related to the home's construction.



Keep in Touch

We know how important the new long-term care home is to the Durham Region. To stay up-to-date on the home's construction:

- Visit our website at lakeridgehealth.on.ca
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