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Introducing the Long-Term Care Home's Name

Lakeridge Health is extremely excited to announce 'Lakeridge Gardens' as the name of the new long-term care home located next to Ajax Pickering Hospital.

Last year, Lakeridge Health asked Durham Region residents for their input and ideas for a name to represent this new, state-of-the-art long-term care home. With more than 600 responses from across the Durham Region, Lakeridge Health is appreciative of the overwhelming support and interest in the new home.

The Lakeridge Gardens name proudly represents the many voices of the Durham Region and everyone who took the time to participate in the naming process. Lakeridge Gardens also embodies the landscape of a thriving Region, as well as growth. *Growth* for Lakeridge Health as an organization and for the residents and their families who will call the long-term care facility their home.

Premier Ford Visits Lakeridge Gardens

On Tuesday, February 1, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, along with Ministers Paul Calandra, Christine Elliott, Kinga Surma, and Peter Bethlenfalvy, and Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby, visited Lakeridge Gardens to celebrate the upcoming opening of the new home.

Announced in 2020, Lakeridge Gardens is the first long-term care home being developed under Ontario's Accelerated Build Pilot Program. The fact that the home will be built on time and on schedule is a true testimony of the collaboration between Lakeridge Health, Infrastructure Ontario, and PCL Construction.

Speaking about the home, Premier Ford said, *"I'm very proud to see the first new long-term care home at Ajax Pickering Hospital built under our government's Accelerated Build Pilot program in just 13 months. We heard the call for more long-term care beds for our most vulnerable and Team Ontario is delivering on that promise."*



On February 1, 2022, Premier Ford spoke to media outside Lakeridge Gardens
(Source: Twitter @fordnation)

Staffing at Lakeridge Gardens

With major construction nearly completed, the focus has shifted to finalize care planning and operations. Once fully operational, 504 dedicated health-care and administration staff will work at Lakeridge Gardens.

Lakeridge Health has been hard at work assembling a staffing team dedicated to high-quality resident care. To date, Lakeridge Health has hired **164** Personal Support Workers, **47** Registered Practical Nurses, and **29** Registered Nurses.

A Sneak Peek Inside Lakeridge Gardens



A space for families to gather and visit with their loved ones



One of 20 resident living areas located throughout Lakeridge Gardens



A resident room, complete with a therapeutic mattress, private or semi-private bathroom, and a large window



In addition to enclosed terraces, resident floors also include large balconies for residents to enjoy the warm weather

Be Sure to Stay Connected

With the opening of Lakeridge Gardens on the horizon, there will be lots of activity in the coming months. It is important that we continue to hear from you.

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