



Long-Term Care Home Update

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Happy New Year

We kicked off the new year with lots of activity at the building site of the new long-term care (LTC) home being built at the northwest corner of Harwood Avenue South and Clements Road West, next to the Ajax Pickering Hospital.

We are excited to be working with PCL Construction, one of Canada's most respected construction companies, on this important project.

If you live in the immediate neighbourhood of the home, you would have seen that the PCL team began on-site activities in mid-December and has been working diligently to get as much initial work done as possible. This includes on-site grading, additional site assessments, installation of construction fences, removal of topsoil and excavation to the east side of the site.

PCL will soon start to build sections of the new LTC home off site and transport these sections to the building site for assembly. This type of modular build is part of the Accelerated Build Pilot Program and enables the new home to be constructed faster than a traditional LTC project while adhering to the strictest health, safety and design standards. In the coming weeks and months, progress will be swift and very visible as earth is moved away and modular pieces are moved in and assembled.

Here are some recent photos from our construction site.



Construction Hours

The project's build schedule is rapid to ensure that the new home will be completed by December 2021. From January to March, on-site teams will be working Monday-to-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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To minimize the impact of construction on the community, PCL has put in place:

- A plan to address all health, safety, and environmental concerns including dust control.
- A designated traffic control plan to minimize congestion leading to and from the site for both deliveries and parking; and,
- Plans that comply with noise bylaws regarding construction noise.

Because construction days will be long, the team will do its best to minimize any noise or impact to the neighbourhood, while working hard to deliver a safe and welcoming home for seniors in our community. We appreciate the understanding of the neighbours in the immediate vicinity.

Supporting Better Health in Durham Region

The new LTC home is part of an Accelerated Build Pilot program announced last summer by the provincial government that will add up to 1280 long-term care beds across the GTA by early 2022.

Lakeridge Health was selected to be part of the program because Durham Region has a rapidly growing seniors population and the lowest number of LTC beds for a population of our size. The new home is great news for seniors in Durham Region and beyond who will have access to a new, high quality seniors care home in their community.

The new LTC home will have capacity for 320 beds. It will include a variety of modern features such as a comfortable, home-like environment, benefitting residents, families, employees, and volunteers. It will also include private or semi-private bedrooms, lounge areas, dining rooms and terraces. Residents will have access to medical expertise from the Ajax Pickering

Hospital and the quality assurances of the Lakeridge Health system. We are also exploring virtual care opportunities, including remote monitoring and consultations.

Central to the LTC home's design will be the highest standards of infection prevention and control while ensuring that our facility meets the diverse needs and abilities of seniors with a full range of services. This includes 24-hour nursing, restorative programs, dietary, medical, pharmacy, and therapy services.



Keeping You Updated

We will continue to keep you updated on our progress through this newsletter and our website. We will also host an upcoming Virtual Town Hall to provide more information about the home, showcase some of its features, benefits and ask questions. Stay tuned for more information about that soon.

In the meantime, should you have questions or would like more information, please call 905-576-8711 ext. 34167 or email AjaxLTC@lh.ca. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Thank you for your interest and support of this important new addition to our Durham community.