

Redeveloping Cambridge Country Manor Nursing Home

Ontario Renovating More Than 300 Long-Term Care Homes to Improve Comfort and Care

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Ontario is investing in long-term care homes to improve the quality of care and comfort of residents.

Today, local Member of Provincial Parliament Kathryn McGarry visited the Cambridge Country Manor nursing home, where up to 95 resident spaces will be redeveloped by renovating the existing facility and building an addition.

This is one of more than 300 long-term care homes that Ontario will support to redevelop over the next nine years and is eligible to receive a construction funding subsidy.

Through these enhancements, residents will benefit from:

- An environment that is comfortable, aesthetically pleasing and as home-like as possible with renewed interior design
- Additional space for specialized programs like rehab and physiotherapy
- More spacious rooms with a maximum of two residents per bedroom
- Greater wheelchair access in bedrooms, bathrooms, showers and doorways
- More air-conditioned areas
- Accessible dining areas that provide a home-like atmosphere
- More private work spaces for staff.

Long-term care homes are places where adults can live and receive help with daily activities and access to 24-hour nursing and personal care. They provide more nursing and personal care than a retirement home or supportive housing.

Ontario is making the largest investment in public infrastructure in the province's history — about \$160 billion over 12 years, which is supporting 110,000 jobs every year across the province, with projects such as roads, bridges, transit systems, schools and hospitals. In 2015, the province announced support for more than 325 projects that will keep people and goods moving, connect communities and improve quality of life.

QUOTES

“Long-term care homes like Cambridge Country Manor are not just facilities – they are peoples’ homes. It is vital that they remain up-to-date to provide residents with secure, safe and comfortable surroundings. The redevelopment of long-term care homes will also help create jobs in the Cambridge area.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Enhancing our long-term care homes to ensure they meet modern standards is an important element of our plan to improve residents’ quality of care. Renovations to Cambridge Country Manor will help ensure that residents feel as comfortable and at home as possible.”

— Kathryn McGarry, MPP for Cambridge

“We are very pleased to see this project moving forward. When completed, we will be able to provide the residents and staff of Cambridge Country Manor with a Long Term Care Home that will continue to provide high quality care for decades to come.”

— Lee Griffi, Manager of Corporate Communications, Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes Limited

“This is great news for residents needing long-term care across Waterloo Wellington. With the expansion and redevelopment, the facilities will soon match the wonderful care provided by the staff and volunteers at Cambridge Country Manor.”

— Joan Fisk, Board Chair, Waterloo Wellington LHIN

“Our seniors deserve the enhanced programs and resources that come with better facilities and this announcement brings us one step closer to this goal. We look forward to continuing to work with the government on improvements to the program so we can modernize as many homes as possible as soon as possible.”

— Candace Chartier, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Long-Term Care Association

QUICK FACTS

- There are about 78,000 residents in Ontario’s 630 long-term care homes.
- Since 2003, 10,000 new spaces in long-term care homes have been created and just over 13,500 older long-term care spaces have been renovated.
- The number of nurse practitioners in Ontario’s long-term care homes will be increased from 18 to 93 over the next three years.
- As part of the 2016 Budget, Ontario is proposing an additional \$10 million to the existing \$44 million annual investment in Behavioural Supports Ontario for seniors with cognitive impairments who exhibit challenging and complex behaviours.

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- [How to find and apply to a long-term care home](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#)

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