

Province Building New Long-Term Care Home in Whitby*Ontario Renovating More Than 300 Long-Term Care Homes to Improve Comfort and Care***NEWS**

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

Today, Parliamentary Assistant John Fraser visited the future site of Glen Hill Terrace in Whitby – a new structure to house up to 160 redeveloped Long-Term Care beds.

This is one of more than 300 long-term care homes that Ontario is helping redevelop over the next nine years. 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
- Better 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.

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.

Investing in long-term care homes is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care, which provides patients with faster access to the right care; better home and community care; the information they need to live healthy; and a health care system that is sustainable for generations to come.

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“Long-term care homes 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 Whitby area.”

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

“Physical enhancements to our long-term care homes are an important part of our plan to improve resident experiences. I’m pleased with the steps being taken to redevelop Glen Hill Terrace and proud of this government’s commitment to ensuring that Ontario’s long-term care residents have the safe, secure and comfortable environment they deserve”

—John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“With an aging population, our government is committed to supporting our seniors in long-term care. That is why we’re pleased to announce the construction of Glen Hill Terrace, a modern, spacious home in Durham Region that will allow for a more comfortable, high quality resident experience for those who need it most.”

—Tracy MacCharles, MPP for Pickering-Scarborough East

“Our organization is committed to enriching the lives of our long term care residents. This announcement is an important part of this commitment and we’re pleased to work with the government to create a more comfortable, modern home for our residents while continuing to provide resident centered, individualized, quality care.”

—Ruth McFarlane, Executive Director, Durham Christian Homes Society Inc.

“We are very pleased to see this project moving forward at Glen Hill Terrace, as it will only enable the home to improve upon their programming and services. The redevelopment of long term care homes across Ontario is integral to the present and future needs of our aging population. The OLTCA remains committed to working with the government to improve upon the capital renewal program, so that more homes can be modernized as soon as possible.”

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

“Glen Hill Terrace is one of 38 homes in the Central East LHIN that are currently scheduled for redevelopment. Today’s announcement is very welcome news and highlights the ongoing relationships between the Ministry of Health, the LHIN and long-term care home operators as we continue to work together to maintain and optimize access to enhanced homes in the LHINs sub-regions in Scarborough, Durham and the North East cluster.”

— Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- Glen Hill Terrace proposes to build a new 160-bed home on 1.8 acres in Whitby. There will be minimal impact to residents, as they will move upon completion of construction of the new home.
- Glen Hill Terrace is also eligible to receive a construction funding subsidy.
- 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.
- 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 investing an additional \$10 million in addition 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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