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35 More Long-Term Care Beds for Seniors in Asphodel-Norwood

Ontario Supporting Seniors, Caregivers and Families with 30,000 New Beds Across the Province

Ontario is creating 35 new long-term care beds in Asphodel-Norwood to help seniors better access high-quality care and continue to live happy and healthy lives.

Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland – Quinte West was at Pleasant Meadow Manor in Norwood today on behalf of Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal to make the announcement. These new beds are part of the province’s commitment to build 5,000 new beds by 2022 and more than 30,000 new beds over the next decade.

Ontario is also investing more than \$300 million over the next three years to hire an additional registered nurse at every long-term care home, and to increase the provincial average to four hours of daily care per resident by 2022. This will ensure that every home will have staff with specialized training in behavioural supports and in palliative and end-of-life care.

These investments, as well as a substantial 4.6 per cent increase in funding for the hospital sector and more support for home care, will improve access to care and reduce wait times in the health system to better meet the needs of a growing and aging population.

The government is also improving life for more seniors by:

- Expanding OHIP+ in 2019 to make prescription drugs free for everyone 65 and over
- Investing \$650 million in new funding over three years to improve home and community care services
- Creating the Seniors’ Healthy Home Program to help those over 75 offset the costs of living independently with a \$750 annual credit.

Making long-term care better and more accessible is part of the government’s plan to support care, create opportunity and make life more affordable during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes OHIP covered prescription medication for everyone under 25, and 65 or over, through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, and free preschool child care from 2 ½ to kindergarten.

QUOTES

“It’s very important to me that our seniors receive the high-quality care they deserve. This is an incredible opportunity for expansion to Pleasant Meadow Manor and will drastically increase the facility’s capacity making way for more support for our aging population. More beds means more local residents will continue to have family and friends nearby, which will improve the quality of life for all.”

— **Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland - Quinte West**

“I want to thank Minister Jaczek and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for providing the funding for new long-term care beds in Asphodel-Norwood. By increasing the capacity of long-term care beds, this investment will assist seniors and families across Peterborough and Northumberland counties.”

— **Jeff Leal, MPP, Peterborough**

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“Our government is committed to supporting Ontario residents who rely on long-term care homes for their ongoing health and personal care needs. We have allocated 5,000 new long-term care beds, and are delivering on our commitment to increase long-term care capacity by 2022 as part of Aging with Confidence: Ontario’s Action Plan for Seniors. This is the first step to create more than 30,000 new long-term care beds over the next decade, helping more seniors access the care they need in their community, close to family and friends.”

— **Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**

“The Ontario Government introduced a Long Term Care Home Renewal Strategy in 2014 as a multi-year plan to support renewal of 30,000 beds by 2025. The recent announcement of 5,000 additional beds supports the viability of this renewal program. OMNI is pleased with today’s announcement of 35 new beds to support the redevelopment of Pleasant Meadow Manor into a 96 bed home built and renovated to better meet the needs of residents, complying with new design standards. We have a long history of providing care in Norwood and the surrounding community, and we look forward to serving for many years to come in a renewed and expanded Pleasant Meadow Manor.”

— **Patrick McCarthy, President, OMNI Healthcare**

“We were pleased to work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and our Long-Term Care sector partners in reviewing the applications that have led to today’s announcement. Everyday our Home and Community Care front-line staff are supporting patients, their caregivers and care providers to ensure that they have timely access to long-term care. We welcome this announcement and look forward to the opening of these new long-term care beds in our LHIN.”

— **Louis O’Brien, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors**

QUICK FACTS

- Through the 2018 Budget, Ontario is making more than \$3.3 billion in additional investments to support seniors and caregivers over the next three years.
- These long-term care home beds will continue through their respective capital and licensing reviews.
- The 5,000 new long-term care beds will include nearly 500 new beds for Indigenous communities and over 1,500 new beds for specific cultures, including francophone communities.
- Ontario’s new investment in home care includes \$180 million in 2018-19 to fund an estimated 2.8 million more hours of personal support, including caregiver respite, as well as 284,000 more nursing visits and 58,000 more therapy visits. This is part of a \$650 million investment in home care over three years.
- Ontario’s proposed new [Drug and Dental Program](#) will allow individuals and families without extended health coverage to be reimbursed up to 80 per cent of eligible prescription drug and dental expenses. This represents an investment of more than \$800 million over the program’s first two years.

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[Aging with Confidence: Ontario’s Action Plan for Seniors](#)
[Budget 2018: A Plan for Care and Opportunity](#)

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