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Ontario Opening 92 New Long-Term Care Beds in Ajax

Province creating 30,000 More Beds Across the Province Over the Next Decade

NEWS

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Ontario is opening 92 new long-term care beds in Ajax that will help seniors access the care they need, closer to home and bring the total number of beds to 192 at Chartwell Ballycliffe Long Term Care Residences.

Joe Dickson MPP for Ajax-Pickering was at the home today to make the announcement as part of a commitment to create [5,000 long-term care beds](#) over the next four years and more than 30,000 across the province over the next decade.

This investment is part of [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#) which will help ensure seniors can access the supports they need at every stage of their lives. The plan includes 15 million more hours of nursing, personal support and therapeutic care for long-term care home residents, a new annual high-dose influenza vaccine, targeted to protect seniors, which will be available free of charge starting in the 2018-19 flu season, and a new [one-stop website](#) where seniors can find information about tax credits, drug coverage, powers of attorney, recreation programs and more.

Helping seniors access the care they need is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

QUOTES

“Our government is committed to supporting Ontario residents who rely on long-term care homes for their ongoing health and personal care needs. By adding 92 new long-care beds to the redevelopment of the Chartwell Ballycliffe Long Term Care Residences in Ajax, we are helping more seniors access the care they need in their community, close to family and friends.”

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

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“I am thrilled that Ajax will receive an additional 92 long term care beds as part of the Chartwell Ballycliffe Long Term Care Residences redevelopment. I have worked hard in collaboration with Ballycliffe, the Central East LHIN, and the Ballycliffe Family Council on their new redevelopment. By adding 92 beds for a total of 192 beds in a modern residence, we help more seniors in Ajax access the excellent care they need.”

—**Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering**

“This announcement is good news for our residents, their loved ones and our staff allowing us to move ahead with the planned construction of the new Chartwell Ballycliffe Long Term Care Residence, a modern 192-bed residence that will serve the Ajax community for decades to come. This positive outcome is the result of collaboration, communication and a shared commitment to providing the best care possible to our LTC residents.”

—**Brent Binions, President and CEO, Chartwell Retirement Residences.**

“Today’s announcement is welcomed by the Central East LHIN as we work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, our local MPPs and our health and social services partners to ensure that local residents can live in their own communities. By working together we can take care of patients now and into the future.”

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

QUICK FACTS

- The redevelopment of The Chartwell Ballycliffe Long Term Care Residences in Ajax] now enters concurrent Capital and Licensing review.
- Opening more long-term care beds is part of [Aging with Confidence: Ontario’s Action Plan for Seniors](#) which is investing more than \$155 million over three years to ensure seniors can access the supports they need.
- In addition to creating 30,000 new long-term care beds, Ontario is also supporting the redevelopment of 30,000 long-term care beds in 300 homes across the province by 2025, including eliminating all four-bed wards.
- The province has nearly doubled its funding for long-term care since 2003, from \$2.1 billion to more than \$4.14 billion.

LEARN MORE

- [Aging with Confidence: Ontario’s Action Plan for Seniors](#)
- [Ontario’s Enhanced Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy](#)
- [Information for Seniors](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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