

Ontario Creating 128 New Long-Term Care Beds in Havelock

Province Opens Applications for New Long-Term Care Beds Across Ontario

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Ontario is helping seniors in the Peterborough area access the care they need sooner and closer to home by supporting a new, 128-bed long-term care home in Havelock.

Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough, were at the future site of the new long-term care home today to make the announcement. The new home will be part of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen's plan to create a health campus which will also include affordable and supportive housing for families and people of all ages.

As part of Ontario's commitment to create [5,000 long-term care beds](#) over the next four years and more than 30,000 over the next decade, the province is now inviting existing or new long-term care organizations [to apply](#) for new beds in their communities.

This investment is part of [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#), which has more than 20 new initiatives to help seniors access the supports they need. The plan includes 15 million more hours of nursing, personal support and therapeutic care for long-term care home residents – a free annual high-dose influenza vaccine for seniors – and a new [one-stop website](#) where seniors can find information about tax credits, drug coverage, powers of attorney, recreation programs and more.

Improving seniors' access to the care they need is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan 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.

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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. The new 128-bed long-term care home in the Havelock community will help 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

"I want to thank Minister Hoskins and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for making this major announcement of new long-term care beds in the Municipality of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen. By increasing the capacity of long-term care beds, this investment will assist seniors and families across the Peterborough area."

— Jeff Leal, MPP, Peterborough

“The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is extremely happy to receive this approval from the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins to support the development of a long-term care home in Havelock that will assist in meeting the rural capacity needs for our Township. We appreciate the ministry recognizing the need for additional long term care beds in the province.”

— Ron Gerow, Mayor, Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is inviting existing or new long-term care organizations across the province to apply for new long-term care beds. Some of these new beds will prioritize culturally-specific needs, as well as Indigenous and Francophone populations.
- In addition to creating 30,000 new long-term care beds, Ontario is 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 annual funding for long-term care since 2003, from \$2.1 billion to \$4.14 billion.
- In 2017-18, Ontario announced a \$101 million investment over the next three years for the dementia strategy which includes expanding access to community programs, enhancing education, training and respite services for care partners, and improving patient navigation.

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- [Long-Term Care Home Development](#)
- [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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