# **Ontario Approves Long-term Care Bed Allocation for Uxbridge**

New home will bring 192 modern long-term care beds to the community

#### NEWS

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**UXBRIDGE** —The long-term care beds at the Uxbridge Hospital Redevelopment Site have been approved. The long-term care home, which will be run by UniversalCare Canada, will have 192 modern long-term care beds. Long-term care home projects have been fast-tracked with support from the Ontario government's increased construction funding subsidy. This is part of the government's commitment to build 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.

"I am pleased to announce that our government will be funding the addition of 192 long-term care beds, 92 of which are new to the region," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. "The Early Works announced on January 24, 2025, will allow for the start of construction on the campus of care here in Uxbridge which will provide a seamless integrated approach to serve our aging seniors".

The new space will provide much needed support for the community of Uxbridge and beyond with both LTC and post-acute beds. The campus of care model will feature a new hospital, a long-term care home, and an ambulatory care building.

Announced last week, the early works for the site has been approved to begin the needed work to lay the groundwork for future construction. Site work is set to begin once the construction contract is awarded and is scheduled to be completed prior to the main project commencing construction.

The government is fixing long-term care to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve. The plan is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe, and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

### QUICK FACTS

- The new home will be located at 4 Campbell Drive in Uxbridge.
- Expansion of key services, including diagnostic imaging, cardiorespiratory services, and laboratory and pharmacy services will be available at the same location.
- As of January 2025, 131 projects representing a total of 21,579 new and redeveloped beds are completed, under construction, or have ministry approval to construct.
- As part of its plan to fix long-term care and address sector waitlists, the government is building 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.
- Building more modern, safe and comfortable homes for our seniors is part of the Government of Ontario's Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021.

• The province is taking innovative steps to get long-term care homes built, including modernizing its funding model, selling unused lands with the requirement that long-term care homes be built on portions of the properties, and leveraging hospital-owned land to build urgently needed homes in large urban areas.

## QUOTES

"We are incredibly grateful to our superstar MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy, alongside our dedicated Ministers, Paul Calandra and Natalia Kusendova-Bashta. Their leadership and unwavering support have been instrumental in taking yet another significant step forward in creating a campus of care in Uxbridge. Building on last week's exciting announcement, which clears the way for us to break ground and begin construction, this project will establish integrated healthcare for our community. Thanks to Peter Bethlenfalvy, we are on the brink of creating a healthcare model that will improve lives for generations to come."

- Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge

"This announcement celebrates the conclusion of a 13-year journey to secure approval for a new long-term care home in Uxbridge. When Peter Bethlenfalvy was first elected as MPP, he recognized the vision of the campus-of-care approach and delivered on his pledge to provide the support—making this grass-roots effort a reality. We can now look forward to 192 of our most vulnerable residents having a brand-new place to call home. I am thankful for the partnership between Oak Valley Health and UniversalCare which will bring a brand-new home to some of our most vulnerable residents."

- Bruce Garrod, Uxbridge Regional Councillor

"This is an exciting milestone for Oak Valley Health and the communities we serve. This new long-term care home, with 192 beds, will be connected to the new Uxbridge Hospital. This campus of care model will deliver the highest level of quality care and help bring our organization's Vision of 'Integrated Care for Healthier Communities' to life. We are grateful for our partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and UniversalCare, as well as for the tremendous support from the Uxbridge community."

— Mark Fam, President and CEO, Oak Valley Health

"We are thrilled to be a partner to Oak Valley Hospital and thank the Ministry of Long-Term Care for awarding 192 long-term care beds. This expansion represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide high-quality, compassionate care to our community's aging population. With the growing demand for long-term care services, we are committed to enhancing our homes and ensuring residents receive the care and dignity they deserve. We look forward to working closely with Oak Valley Hospital, the Town of Uxbridge, and the Ministry of Long-Term Care to deliver exceptional and compassionate services for years to come."

- Joseph Gulizia, President and CEO, UniversalCare Canada Inc

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<u>2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario</u> Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care

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