

Perley Health Applauds the Ontario Government's Funding Changes to Expand Long-Term Care

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Perley Health applauds today's announcement by the Ontario government to address the financial challenges to building and renovating long-term care homes in the province. Those challenges are particularly acute for not-for-profit organizations such as Perley Health.

The Government of Ontario aims to add at least 30,000 net additional beds over the next decade, including 240 beds at Perley Health. Due to the pandemic and the funding shortfall caused by higher construction and financing costs, however, earlier this year, Perley Health announced that expansion plans were on hold.

Joined by several other not-for-profit long-term care homes from across the province, Perley Health has led ongoing advocacy efforts to resolve the serious capacity issues in the sector. These engagements included legislative committee appearances, participation in a staffing advisory group to the government, submissions on proposed regulations affecting the sector and ongoing consultations with government representatives over the past number of years.

"I thank the government for listening and for respecting the realities of the challenges faced by Perley Health and other not-for-profit homes," says Akos Hoffer, CEO, Perley Health. "We hope this news can provide a roadmap to expand the availability and quality of long-term care across the province."

The Perley Health team is studying the details of today's announcement and will conduct a thorough assessment to determine their impact on the feasibility of expansion at Perley Health.

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Perley Health is a unique and innovative community that empowers Seniors and Veterans to live life to the fullest. Home to more than 600 Seniors and Veterans in long-term care and in independent apartments, Perley Health provides a number of clinical, therapeutic and recreational services to residents, tenants and people from across the region. One of the largest and most progressive long-term care homes in Ontario, Perley Health is also a centre for research, education, and clinical innovation. Its Centre of Excellence in Frailty-Informed Care conducts and shares the practical research needed to improve care.

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