



## Long-term Care Home Update October 25, 2022

The Long-term Care (LTC) Home Steering Committee is committed to keeping the public informed about the LTC Project and is pleased to provide this update.

In February 2022, it was announced by the Ministry of Long-term Care that 14 of the 30,000 new LTC beds in Ontario would be allocated to Killarney. The Municipality has now submitted a completed application to the Ministry and is awaiting approval of funding for this project.

The project Killarney has proposed is to pilot a small-home design that embraces a philosophy of relationship-centred care that focuses on the resident needs rather than completion of tasks. The project is built on values of creating a real home, meaningful life, and empowered staff. We will adopt best practices of LTC from successful small-home models. The small-home model has shown remarkable success in improving quality of care for residents resulting in better health outcomes, improved infection control, high resident satisfaction, reduced health care spending and high staff retention.

Through the development of the application, the Municipality has engaged with many organizations who will work in partnership with us and support the project once it is approved. Key partners include Finlandia Village as the manager of the Home, Maison McCulloch Hospice to provide consultation on the design of a hospice suite and training on best practices in palliative care and the Northeastern Geriatric Centre that will consult on design as well as lead research and evaluation of the model to assist in scale-up across the province. We have also identified the location of the home to be the vacant lots at the west end of St. Paul Street (previously known as the Rome subdivision area). There is an agreement in principle for these lands to be donated to this project by the Riat Family.

The Committee also recognizes the need for housing for staff who may work at the Home. We are exploring options and opportunities for housing development and will continue to work with Council and other Government Agencies to address this need.

Once funding is secured the Committee will host a public information session to share full details of the project.

### ***THE LONG-TERM CARE STEERING COMMITTEE***

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