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BUILDER CONTRACT AWARDED FOR TWO NEW LONG-TERM CARE HOMES IN MISSISSAUGA

Mississauga, ON (December 17, 2020) Today, Infrastructure Ontario and Trillium Health Partners (THP) awarded a construction management contract to EllisDon to design and build two new long-term care (LTC) homes on Speakman Drive in Mississauga. The project is designed to address the current lack of access to long-term care in this community and add capacity in hospitals where many patients are waiting for long-term care placement. The number of seniors is set to triple by 2031 and Mississauga has 20% fewer LTC beds per capita than the provincial average.

This project is part of the Ontario Government's Accelerated Build Pilot Program, which aims to deliver new long-term care homes years sooner than traditional development projects through the use of hospital-owned land, rapid procurement and modular construction.

EllisDon was selected as the successful proponent as the result of a two-stage competitive and accelerated procurement process. EllisDon is a leading health care builder and service provider with over 500 health care build projects across the globe.

The two new long-term care homes will have capacity for 320 and 312 beds respectively, and will be built with the latest standards for long-term care home design, including best practices for infection prevention and control. This project will address the current lack of access to long-term care in this community and add capacity in hospitals where many patients are waiting for long-term care placement. The project will also provide a modern, comfortable and safe place for seniors in our community to call home. The long-term care homes are part of a new health centre, first announced in December 2019 by THP, in partnership with Heart House Hospice. Future phases of the health centre will include a 12-bed residential hospice – the first of its kind in Mississauga – and a health services building. The centre will also create opportunities for research, innovation and teaching.

This expedited construction process will allow for faster completion of the homes, and faster access to long-term care for the people of Mississauga. It will also relieve capacity pressures at THP's hospital sites, by offering patients and the community access to the health care services they need, in the most appropriate place, and within their own community.

Before major construction activity can begin on the site, there are a number of steps that must be completed, including: design refinements, permitting and municipal approvals, execution of subcontracts and pricing of supplies. Work to prepare the site is underway and construction is expected to begin in early 2021. Details about the completion of construction and opening of the homes will be shared when more information is available.

THP will work with Infrastructure Ontario to manage construction and commissioning of the project. The completed long-term care homes will be owned and operated by a new not-for-profit corporation.

About the long-term care homes:

- ✓ With capacity for 320 and 312 beds respectively, the two new long-term care homes will help address capacity issues within Ontario's health and long-term care system, while providing a modern, comfortable and safe place for seniors in our community to call home.
- ✓ The builds will meet the latest standards for long-term care home design, including private bedrooms or private bedrooms with shared washrooms, lounge areas, dining rooms and terraces, enhancements to HVAC including capability for 100% fresh air supply.
- ✓ A 16-unit dialysis space is being proposed, that would be offered to long-term care residents as well as community outpatients.
- ✓ The long-term care homes will also include much needed behaviour support units to provide the appropriate personal space, environment and amenities for residents with responsive behaviours associated with dementia. These units will support better resident care and improved safety for residents and staff.
- ✓ An Adult Day Program is also being proposed to provide support and supervised programming in a group setting to at-risk older adults. This program would help maintain functional status of seniors and is a key family caregiver support that has been shown to delay or prevent admission to long-term care and hospital.
- ✓ The long-term care homes will be part of the new health centre that will function as an interconnected community for seniors and caregivers, providing a broad range of services and programs that meet the needs of those it serves.
- ✓ Virtual models of care will be used to connect the homes' primary care model to hospital specialists in the homes – increasing the quality of resident care.

THP is committed to working closely with neighbouring residents, local businesses, government partners, patients, families and the people of Mississauga and to engage the local community on this project, even in these extraordinary times. Based on the current guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no in-person engagement. Details on upcoming opportunities for engagement will be shared in the coming days and weeks.

IO, THP and EllisDon value diversity and share a strong commitment to equity, inclusion and anti-racism. This project will be guided by these shared principles, and will work in partnership to create a fully inclusive environment. More information on the new health centre can be found at: thp.ca.

Quotes:

“Our government has been taking historic steps to improve the quality of life for our loved ones by adding capacity and upgrading Ontario's long-term care homes. Through the Accelerated Build Pilot Program we are building new, safe, and comfortable spaces for people to call home in months, not years.” - *Minister of Long-Term Care, Dr. Merrilee Fullerton*

“Today's announcement is another exciting step in the development of much-needed long-term care beds in Mississauga. This new innovative health centre will expand access to modern homes in early 2022, supporting our aging population, and ensuring that they receive quality care that is compassionate, dignified, and maintains their quality of life.” - *Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP, Mississauga-Lakeshore*

“This announcement marks the next step in the journey to bring much-needed long-term care to the residents of Mississauga. The accelerated construction means faster access to modern, safe long-term care homes for our most vulnerable seniors.” - *Michelle DiEmanuele, President & CEO, Trillium Health Partners*

“EllisDon is proud to have been selected to deliver the long-term care homes under the Accelerated Build Pilot Program. We are excited to collaborate with Trillium Health Partners and provide people with better access to the long-term healthcare services they need in their community.” - *Andrew Anderson, Senior Vice President and Area Manager, Toronto, EllisDon*

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About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is the largest community-based hospital networks in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and home of the Institute for Better Health.

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