

## **Ontario Building New Long-Term Care Beds in Sarnia**

*Ongoing investments in new projects will protect our progress by bringing much-needed beds to the province*

### **NEWS**

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SARNIA — The Ontario government is adding 156 new and 100 upgraded long-term care beds to a new building for Sumac Lodge Long Term Care Home in Sarnia. This is part of the government's \$6.4 billion commitment to build more than 30,000 net new beds by 2028 and 28,000 upgraded long-term care beds across the province.

"Our government has a plan to fix long-term care and a key part of that plan is building modern, safe, and comfortable homes for our seniors," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care. "When the new Sumac Lodge building is completed, it will be place 256 local seniors in to call home, near their friends and family in Sarnia."

The new building for Sumac Lodge will have a total of 256 long-term care beds. Construction is expected to start by Winter 2023.

There are now 207 new and 315 upgraded long-term care beds in development, under construction or completed in Lambton County, including the following projects:

- 156 new and 100 upgraded beds allocated to Revera Long Term Care Inc.'s Sumac Lodge, as announced today
- 8 new and 152 upgraded beds at Trillium Villa Nursing Home in Sarnia;
- 10 new beds at Lambton Meadowview Villa-Petrolia in Petrolia;
- 33 new and 63 upgraded beds at Watford Quality Care Centre in Watford

The government has a plan to fix long-term care and to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve both now and in the future. The plan is built on three pillars: staffing and care; accountability, enforcement, and transparency; and building modern, safe, comfortable homes for seniors.

### **QUOTES**

"Sarnia welcomes the 156 new long-term care beds and 100 upgraded beds to the new site on land at 1597 London Line purchased from the City of Sarnia. The new and upgraded beds will be invaluable in providing proper care for our valued seniors in the years ahead."

— Mike Bradley, Mayor Mayor, City of Sarnia

"Investing in modern, state-of-the-art infrastructure is the right thing to do for our residents and staff, which is why Revera is so pleased that the Sumac Lodge redevelopment project is moving forward. We are incorporating the latest design standards into our buildings to enhance the safety, comfort and care of residents, to create a better, safer working environment for staff, and to significantly

increase access to much needed long-term care for seniors in the Sarnia area. We thank the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the City of Sarnia for their support.”

— Thomas G. Wellner, President and CEO of Revera

## QUICK FACTS

- As of today, Ontario now has 21,709 new and 17,046 upgraded beds in the development pipeline — which means more than 72 percent of the 30,000 net new beds being delivered are in the planning, construction and opening stages of the development process.
- Ontario plans to invest an additional \$3.7 billion, beginning in 2024-25, on top of the historic \$2.68 billion already invested, to support this new series of allocations for the development of 10,000 net new and more than 12,000 upgraded beds across the province. These historic investments would bring the total to \$6.4 billion since spring 2019.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the Province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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