



Ontario Continuing to Strengthen the Public Health Care System with More Support for Ontario Seniors in Scarborough Centre

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SCARBOROUGH — On March 22nd Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, announced additional long-term care projects that will add 1,157 new beds in facilities across Ontario.

The Government of Ontario is delivering on its commitment to strengthen the province's public health care system by centering it on the needs of patients, including Ontario's seniors.

Our government is building a 21st century health care system that allows seniors to remain at home as long as they can. For Ontario's seniors who need long-term care, our government is committed to ensuring their quality of life remains high and space is available for them when and where they need it.

Yesterday, we announced that the people of Scarborough Centre will receive 128 new beds at The Hellenic Home for the Aged as part of this commitment.

"Our government is building a sustainable, connected and modern health care system, which is putting patients at the centre of care and ensuring that the needs of patients, families, and caregivers are driving all our decisions," said MPP Christina Mitas. "These new projects are part of our plan to protect and strengthen our health care system. Ontario's seniors need to be able to have access to a bed when and where they need it, and their families need to be kept informed every step of the way. With these additional beds and spaces, our government is working to ease pressure on hospitals, and enable nurses, doctors, and other care providers to provide better, faster health care for Ontario families and patients."

"It is incredibly important that people have access to this type of care so close to home" said MPP Mitas. "The care provided at the Hellenic Home for the Aged is second to none, and I can't say enough about what a comfort the Hellenic cultural setting is to seniors. Residents are surrounded by people that speak the same language as them and share their traditions. The

community made it very clear that these beds were something that needed to be built to serve a pressing need. This is a file I have been working on since day one and I am so excited to see this result.”

This is part of the government’s commitment to adding 15,000 long-term care beds over the next five years, bringing the total number of allocated beds to 7,232.

“We are proud that in just nine months, our government has fulfilled almost half of our commitment toward new long-term care spaces in Ontario over five years,” said Elliott. “As we move forward to modernize our public health care system, the people of Ontario, including seniors, have and always will be our government’s priority. We will create a health care system that works for them and is finally centred on the needs of patients, families and caregivers.”

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