

**MEDIA RELEASE****Fairview Mennonite Homes' long-term care home to more than double in size*****Renovation and expansion plan moving forward following Ontario Government announcement***

March 19, 2021, CAMBRIDGE – On March 18, the Ontario government announced that Fairview Mennonite Homes, a not-for-profit long-term care (LTC) home, has been allocated 108 new spaces.

The project includes renovations to the existing 84-bed LTC home, built in 1995, at 515 Langs Drive in Cambridge. The addition of 108 new beds will result in a modern, purpose-built, three-storey, 192-bed home on its vibrant campus continuum of care, known as Fairview Seniors Community.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the provincial government for this decision,” said Marion Good, Chair of the Board of Directors. “Fairview has been planning this expansion for several years. This is the good news we have been waiting for and we hope to break ground within a year.”

“Fairview’s LTC home has had the longest waitlist in Cambridge for years,” said Elaine Shantz, CEO. “A 192-bed home will allow us to increase access to urgently needed beds and provide additional supports for the increasingly complex needs of residents. The expansion also allows us to add a new francophone area which will help to increase equitable access to designated francophone LTC beds.”

“We want to thank our many partners, beginning with the pastors and congregants of the 23 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches who have provided guidance for nearly 80 years,” said Shantz. “We also want to thank the City of Cambridge, the Region of Waterloo, Cambridge-North Dumfries Ontario Health Team, Cambridge Hospital and Grand River Hospital, many local and provincial francophone organizations, Langs, the Alzheimer Society, the Waterloo Wellington LHIN, Shalom Counselling, Behaviour Supports Ontario, the House of Friendship, our residents, our volunteers and of course, our amazing team. Each of these partners provided encouragement and letters of support that accompanied our application for these new beds and renovations. We are part of a system and will continue to work together to ensure current and future residents receive the care they need and deserve.”

“This news couldn’t come at a better time,” said Shantz. “It is an expression of confidence in the quality, kind care that has been a hallmark of Fairview for nearly 80 years and the Mennonite values that continue to guide us. With this expansion, we can continue to ‘Build a Community for All’.

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**About Fairview Seniors Community**

Fairview Seniors Community is a not-for-profit, charitable, faith-based Continuum of Care. Wraparound care helps residents remain healthy and independent for as long as possible. From our fitness centre to pool therapy, from congregate dining to a chat with our Director of Spiritual Care and Culture, we serve to help others be as physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy as possible.

Fairview's Campus includes congregate living for the broader Cambridge community with supportive and fair market value housing to ensure retirement living is accessible to all.

Fairview's commitment to older adults with modest incomes, combined with a growing list of amenities and services on its spacious campus and in its Seniors Active Living Centre, makes it the home of choice in Cambridge.

Fairview is both a home and a community where each person is valued, respected and welcomed. *All cultures. All faiths. All financial means.*