



Fairview Parkwood
COMMUNITIES

Community News



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You are welcome here.

As a community founded in God's love for all and grounded in faith, each person is valued and respected.

We honour the spiritual dimension of the human experience and believe that with love the extraordinary is possible.

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President & CEO Message



As President & Chief Executive Officer of Fairview Parkwood Communities, I am privileged to be a part of an organization with a rich history; and I am honoured to celebrate the **60th and 80th anniversary for Parkwood and Fairview** respectively with each of you.

As I reflect on the past, I give gratitude to the principles and faith-based values that have served as the strong foundation of our commitment to relieve poverty, as we 'Build a Community for All'.

However, I wonder if those who had the vision to create Fairview had a sense of the significant impact the community would have or how many people would be touched – all those who have called Fairview or Parkwood home; all those who have provided quality care and services; or all of those who have volunteered and shared their passions to enrich the lives of those on our campuses.

In the following pages, you will find our plans to celebrate these milestone anniversaries:

- **March 30, 2023** – Luncheon for Fairview and Parkwood retirees
- **June 14, 2023** – Luncheon and Annual General Meeting
- **June 1 to 4, 2023** – Walk the Kindness Way trek
- **September 16, 2023** – Anniversary Gala Celebration "A Legacy of Kindness"

We hope that you will mark your calendars and join us. As a special

note, on Friday, June 3rd the Walk the Kindness Way trek pays special tribute to 'A Legacy of Faith' as we invite the delegates and members of the congregations to walk with us. Please see the *Walk the Kindness Way* article on page 2 for additional details.

It is truly humbling to honour our traditions, and recognize how they continue to guide our journey to meet the evolving needs of our internal and external communities. And as we continue on our path, I am pleased to share information about the progress of the long-term care expansion at Fairview Seniors Community and a building update for the Delphine and Lloyd Martin Apartments at Parkwood Seniors Community. I hope you will enjoy reading about these exciting initiatives.

Also, I am pleased to share with you that Fairview Parkwood Communities has been named one of *Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures* by Waterstone Human Capital Management. We are honoured to receive this award celebrating our commitment building a culture of kindness, where each person is valued and respected.

Finally, I express my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication and a special thank you to the Delegates and our 23 supporting congregations for your prayer, involvement and support.

We look forward to seeing you soon, as we Honour our Legacy.

In kindness and with gratitude,
Elaine

Fairview Parkwood Communities are faith-based campuses of care and services operated by a Board of Directors responsible to 23 local Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches.



Honouring Our Legacy – A Year of Celebrations – Retiree Luncheon

Thursday, March 30, 2023

A favourite pastime at Fairview Parkwood Communities is hearing the many stories from those who shaped our communities through their dedicated service.

We are excited to bring together the retirees from Fairview and Parkwood for a special luncheon focusing on “*What is Your Favourite Memory*”. This Luncheon will be guided by Tim Kennel, who joined Fairview Parkwood in 1982 and served as the Executive Director for the following 36 years, leaving a legacy of quality and compassionate care.

These special memories will be captured, and we look forward to sharing them with you.



Walk the Kindness Way Trek

Saturday, June 3 & Sunday, June 4, 2023

A Legacy of Kindness

We invite you to join in the celebrations at the *Walk the Kindness Way* trek. This year’s theme, ‘A Legacy of Kindness’ continues to bring together members of the Board of Directors, residents, families, community partners and team members as we walk together from Parkwood to Fairview along the Walter Bean – Grand River Trail.

In honour of this anniversary year, Elaine Shantz is extending the walk



Our Clinical Team show their support at the 2022 Walk The Kindness Way trek.

to include 20km on Thursday, June 1st, themed ‘A Legacy of Leadership’ to celebrate community leaders, and 20 km on Friday, June 2nd, themed ‘A Legacy of Faith’ to walk with our delegates and church members. The 42km *Walk the Kindness Way* trek, from Parkwood to Fairview will take place on Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4, 2023. The additional days will represent a total of 80km for the 80th anniversary for Fairview and 60km for the 60th anniversary for Parkwood.

Walk the Kindness Way is open to all, and we are grateful to everyone who supports this initiative. Funds raised will support the development of Healing Gardens at Fairview and Parkwood. These gardens will provide a sanctuary for the community by providing positive escapes to reflect and disconnect from concerns and anxieties.

With your generosity, we have raised \$142,000 of the \$250,000 goal. Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you.

We hope you will join us as we walk together, or consider supporting a walker by making a donation.

Scan the appropriate QR code below to learn more about the trek.



◀ Scan for Fairview

Scan for Parkwood ▶



Fairview Parkwood Communities Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Everyone Has a Seat at the Table

A strong connection within Fairview Parkwood Communities is the warmth is characterized by sharing a meal together.

In the spirit of this tradition, we are pleased to host a Luncheon of potato soup, bread, sides and the popular pink desserts, as we gather to build a community table, where everyone is welcome. The luncheon will feature a special guest speaker and entertainment by *T’Was Now*.

The Annual General Meeting will take place after the Luncheon. We are pleased to offer both an in-person and a virtual option for this year’s meeting. Additional details will be available soon.

Anniversary Gala Celebration – A Legacy of Kindness

Saturday, September 16, 2023

A Grand Affair is the culmination of the year’s events. This formal celebration will be held at Bingemans Conference Centre and will feature dinner, entertainment, dancing and a silent auction.

An Events Committee, comprising of Elaine Shantz, members of the Board, community partners and team members are working diligently and look forward to bringing 1943, 1963 and the journey to 2023 to life with you.

If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity, please contact our office at anormandeaufairviewmh.com.

Long-Term Care Expansion at Fairview



Architectural renderings of Fairview Long-Term Care home expansion.

Expanding access to care in our community.

In December 2022, the Ministry of Long-Term Care announced funding incentives based on criteria which included preliminary information due by December 20 and the ability to start construction by August 31, 2023.

The Land & Building Committee was successful in meeting the first target and continues to work closely

with the Ministry and City of Cambridge, along with the architect, construction company and other partners as we strive to take advantage of these Ministry initiatives.

The expansion of the Fairview Long-Term Care Home includes 108 new beds to the existing 84 beds, bringing the total number to 192 beds when complete.



The Delphine and Lloyd Martin Apartments at Parkwood

The Delphine and Lloyd Martin Apartments will be an integral part of the vibrant Parkwood campus.



Thank you to the congregations who participated in the Christmas Campaign and made a donation toward the purchase of appliances for the 28 affordable housing units.

Your generous donations raised over \$19,000.

This six-storey building will feature 90 suites, including 28 affordable housing units.

Construction continues to move forward, and remains on schedule, with anticipated completion for winter 2024. Pictures of the ongoing progress are available on the Parkwood website.

We are pleased to announce the Presentation Centre opened in February, launching with an Open House on February 15, 2023. The Presentation Centre offers floor plans,

suite layouts, pricing, building finishes, as well as information about the amenities, such as the dining room, café, lounges and wellness centre.

Those interested in securing a specific unit have the opportunity to select and place a deposit on the chosen suite. The deposit is the equivalent of one month's rent.

For more information, please contact capitalcampaign@parkwoodmh.com or scan the QR code on this page.



**Waterstone's
2022 Canada's
Most Admired
Corporate Culture
Award**



We are humbled to share that Fairview Parkwood Communities has been named one of *Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures in the Broader Public Sector* by Waterstone Human Capital Management. This national award recognizes best-in-class organizations for having cultures that help enhance performance and sustain a competitive advantage.

Applications were invited through a nomination process. Fairview Parkwood Communities was nominated for our commitment to build a community where each person is valued, respected,

welcomed and treated with kindness. Fairview Parkwood Communities was presented the award at a celebration on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Congratulations to our staff who live our values and have embraced our culture of kindness and accountability. Building on our strong foundation, we are confidently forging a sustainable future that continues to relieve poverty for seniors. To celebrate, each team member was given a set of scrubs, featuring both the Fairview Parkwood Communities and the Most Admired Culture logo.



Fairview and Parkwood are registered charitable non-profit corporations.

Your gifts are important to us.

Please consider us as you plan gifts for the year.

How Can you Contribute?

- **Volunteer!** Our volunteers are a great asset at Fairview Parkwood Communities and new volunteers are warmly welcomed. Contact volunteer coordinators at volunteer@fairviewmh.com or volunteer@parkwoodmh.com
- **Support a fundraiser!** Throughout the year there are craft sales, auctions, events and more – your contribution helps fund enhanced services.
- **Donate!** Your donations are received with gratitude. Visit our websites to learn more.
- **Parkwood Affordable Housing.** The Delphine and Lloyd Martin Apartments at Parkwood will offer 28 affordable housing apartments. Consider making a year-end contribution to provide appliances to an affordable housing unit or sofas for the lounge. For more information, please [visit the website](#).
- **Leave a Legacy.** Bequests in your will can make a big difference. A simple option is to give through Abundance Canada: abundance.ca (formerly *Mennonite Foundation of Canada*).

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