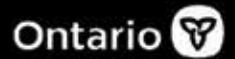




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## peopleCare scheduled to open new Tavistock home in October

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative reporter

A new long-term care home is slated to open this fall in Tavistock. The new 128-bed home will replace the existing home on William Street South and will meet and, in some cases, exceed the latest government standards.

The home will be larger, coming in at 73,000 square feet and will be able to serve the needs of more residents. Sheena Campbell is peopleCare's vice president of communications and said the new build will be like night and day compared to the current facility.

"As you walk into the new front entrance, you will be greeted in a bright and open reception area with a vibrant lounge space. The main lobby will be larger, which is important as everyone who is from Tavistock knows the existing home has a small entryway and everyone loves sitting in there," she said.

She added there will be larger spaces for people to gather, a beautiful multi-faith space and a bistro area in the main entrance.

"Residents will enjoy lots of engaging social and restorative activities in the large dining rooms, activity rooms and lounges that will be located in each of the 32-bed resident home areas. The entire building will be constructed around a central courtyard with landscaped gardens providing all residents with a safe and enjoyable outdoor space."



A workforce of nearly 100 employees are on the job daily as the long-term care home eyes an October opening date. Contributed photo

Other unique features include a children's play area and a dedicated home area that offers special care and support for residents living with dementia. It will also have a family stayover suite for those coming from out of town or who want to be near loved ones in palliative care.

Campbell said they want to welcome everyone into the beautiful new space. One way is through sensory-scapes, which are meaningful murals designed to enhance resident wellbeing.

"We consulted with residents and our team about local heritage and familiar Tavistock community scenes to determine what murals would be incorporated into the home. To support wayfinding, individuality and a sense of home, each door will have a beautiful and unique wrap and the surrounding walls will look like a house porch."

In the tub rooms, there will be scenes that reflect the geography and landscapes of rural Tavistock. The dining room murals will have a country kitchen aesthetic.

Later on, planned enhancements include a historical gallery wall with farming and rural themes.

peopleCare currently has nine developments either underway or in the planning stages. Demolition of the former Maple Lane School in Tillsonburg is happening now to prepare for a groundbreaking in that community.

"We are very excited about our Peterborough development, which will be the first long-term care home on a university campus in Canada. We are planning a university-integrated seniors' village at Trent. We are also exploring what a future community of care could look like with all development sites. With the projects currently in our pipeline, the number of peopleCare long-term care beds will increase from 751 to 2,500 in the next four years."

Everyone involved with the current home is looking forward to the move into the new digs particularly since they can keep a close eye on what's happening at the new site.

"Our current residents, their families and our staff are super excited about moving into their new home this fall. They have been enjoying watching construction at the site behind the existing building. They have also picked new names for the four resident home areas that reflect the surrounding community," said Campbell, who added the moving process is already underway.

"We'll work with residents or their

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## New 128-bed long-term care home opening this fall

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families to pick their new rooms. Staff and families will pitch in to help pack and get residents' new rooms set up and comfy before they arrive. All residents will have a move-day buddy – typically a family or a close friend. We will put welcome baskets in their new room and arrange for everyone to be in the new home enjoying lunch and maybe some entertainment.”

The company said it believes strongly in developing partnerships and having a large network of trusted builders, architects and other industry leaders is key to

getting these new homes built with speed and efficiency. VanDel, one of Ontario's leading long-term care home builders, is the contractor at the Tavistock site.

“Like peopleCare, VanDel is a family-owned leader in their industry with a long history and an outstanding track record. They are our construction partner right now in Delhi, Tavistock and Kitchener. We are working with another leading Ontario builder, D. Grant Construction, for our Tillsonburg development,” said Campbell.

Technology is playing a larger role in long-term care every year and the new Tavistock home has several new features including a state-of-the-art HVAC system called BluTree. It provides a consistent temperature meaning no cold or hot spots and air without airborne pathogens and dust particles. The new home will have some other tech advances.

“We have a new nurse-call system that is fully digital and silent connected to our personal support workers and other clinical staff on their tablets. We've done a lot of work on access control that allows

for safety for our residents and supports freedom of movement and access around the home. Everything in the home will be new and best practice – all the equipment for resident care, our supplies and kitchen equipment,” said Campbell.

Interested members of the public can learn more about the new Tavistock home at <https://peoplecare.ca/changing-the-world-of-senior-living/our-developments/tavistock-ltc-redevelopment-2/>.



peopleCare's new Tavistock home recently had its outdoor courtyard filled with topsoil. The dirt was brought in via a large steel bucket hooked up to a crane. Contributed photo



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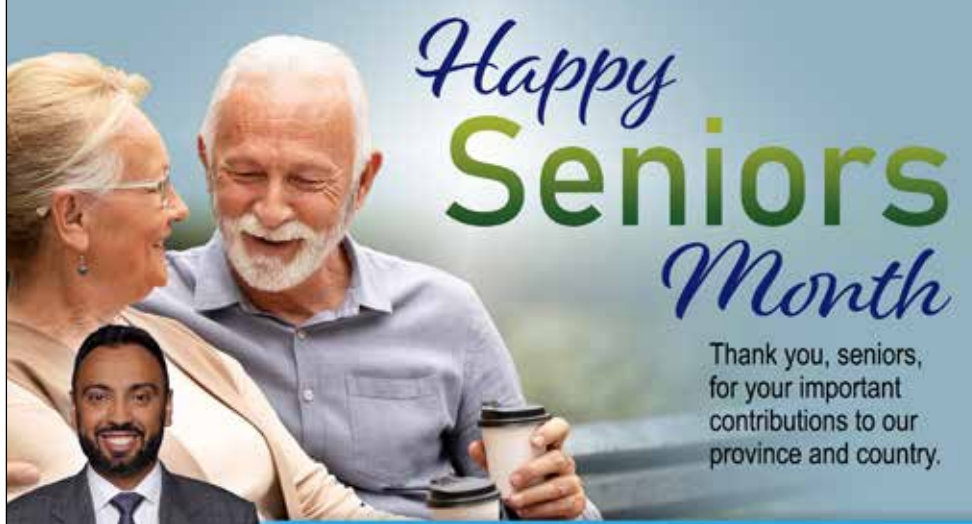
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