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Edgewater Gardens Welcomes the Doubling of its Capacity

DUNNVILLE – Yesterday’s announcement from the Ontario government that Edgewater Gardens will be increasing its capacity to 128 from 64 spaces is welcome news for the long-term care home.

“We’re thrilled with the announcement from our Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Toby Barrett that we will be dramatically increasing spaces for people in our community waiting for placement in long-term care homes,” says Edgewater’s president and CEO Sharon Moore.

“We applied for the additional spaces back in December 2019 and we’re so pleased that Edgewater has been selected as one of the provincial homes to be either expanded or upgraded,” she says. “We’re grateful that the government has recognized the urgent need for enhanced long-term care services for seniors - including eliminating three and four-bed rooms as a way to improve infection control.”

All rooms at Edgewater are either private or semi-private. The home currently has 150 people on its waiting list. In addition, between 30 and 40 per cent of the 39 beds at Haldimand War Memorial Hospital are normally occupied by patients awaiting placement in long-term care.

A new wing for Edgewater will be constructed on Broad Street to the west of – and attached to – the existing building, on land owned by the home.

Further design and construction plans will need to be submitted to – and approved by – the Ministry of Long-term Care before construction can begin. This process is expected to take one to two years.

The Ford government has committed to adding 30,000 new long-term care beds in Ontario over the next decade.

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