

December 1st, 2021

Mr. Brian Pollard Assistant Deputy Minister Long-Term Care Capital Development 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1075 Bay Street Toronto, ON M5S 2B1

Dear Mr. Pollard,

Ontario Health West has recently met with a representative of The Elliott Community Long-Term Care Home to discuss the proposed application under the Ministry's recent Call for Application, 2021. Their plan includes the expansion of the long-term care home (LTCH) from an 85 bed facility (including a secure unit) to an approximately 115-117 bed facility, located in Guelph, within Wellington county. Currently, The Elliott Community LTCH plans to complete the bed expansion in a two-phased approach with an 11-12 bed increase in phase 1 and an additional 18-20 bed increase in phase 2. All beds at The Elliott Community LTCH will be basic accommodation which addresses one of the LTCH priorities in Ontario Health West, as described in our response to the 2021 Call for Applications – Ontario Health Survey.

Socio-demographic data indicates a need for additional long-term care capacity in Guelph, noting the recent Ministry allocations within the Guelph area from the former Call for Applications. It is identified in Ontario Health West's response to the 2021 Call for Applications – Ontario Health Survey that Guelph is in the top 5 municipalities in Ontario Health West in need of long-term care basic beds. Ministry of Finance, 2021 statistics show that the Wellington county census divisions will experience greater than 80% projected growth in number of seniors from the period 2020-2046.

Based on the information discussed, Ontario Health West supports the Ministry's consideration of the application.

Ontario Health West understands that this letter does not replace the opportunity to provide input regarding Section 96 of the Long Term Care Home Act, 2007. Ontario Health will continue to work collaboratively with the operator and the Ministry to confirm any addition project specific details in accordance with the priorities of Ontario Health West.

Sincerely,

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