

December 8, 2021

Mayor Cam Guthrie and City of Guelph Council
Guelph City Hall
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Re: Letter of Support The Elliott Community

We, the members of Wellington Ontario Health Team (GW OHT) are writing to indicate our support of the Elliott Community ('The Elliott') to build additional Long Term Care (LTC) beds. These additional beds will at least partially address the significant demand for LTC that currently exists in our community. Patients waiting for long term care currently account for 28% of the ALC patients at Guelph General Hospital (this number has increased 2-4% over each of the past three years) with the most bed days being attributed to patients who require behavioral supports and secure units. This situation significantly limits flow both within the hospital and across the entire health care system.

Additionally, the additional beds at The Elliott will begin to build capacity towards the projected need for long term beds in our region as a result of our aging population. Over the next 23 years, Waterloo Wellington will need approximately 5600 additional long term care beds¹.

The GW OHT community continues to be challenged by COVID and the secondary impacts of the pandemic. We are experiencing increased demand for emergency and acute care services that are limiting GGH's ability to address the backlog of surgeries, procedures and other care needs at are emerging as secondary impacts of the pandemic. This is being compounded by the increasing mismatch between our community's LTC needs and our current LTC capacity.

We strongly support The Elliott in their proposal to build additional long term care beds to address our community's current and future needs to ensure that seniors in our community have appropriate and timely access to LTC.

The membership of Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team is committed to working with The Elliott on this initiative and are pleased to offer this letter of support.

Sincerely,
Guelph Wellington OHT Core Partners

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Guelph Family Health Team
Guelph Wellington Physician Association
Home & Community Care Support Services WW
Hospice Wellington
Mount Forest Family Health Team
St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph
The Elliott Community
University of Guelph
Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

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Guelph Community Health Centre
Guelph General Hospital
Guelph Wellington Paramedic Services
Homewood Health Centre
Minto-Mapleton Family Health Team
North Wellington Health Care
Stonehenge Therapeutic Community
Traverse Independence
Upper Grand Family Health Team

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1. ¹Hospital Bed Capacity in Waterloo-Wellington, presentation prepared by psg. July 2021
2.

Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team - Core Partners

We, the Core Partners of Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team are writing on behalf of The Elliott Community to indicate our support for The Elliott to build additional Long Term Care (LTC) beds.



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The Elliott Community
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Traverse Independence
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