



Bennett Centre Long Term Care
The Gallery Active Living



Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home Development Project

CASE FOR SUPPORT



A Message from the Board Chair

Bennett Village has a long and strong history in the Halton region, after taking over the responsibility of the long-term care home from the Georgetown Hospital in 1999. Today, Bennett Village is comprised of the Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home and The Gallery Active Living life lease building. For almost 25 years we have been a community leader, providing exceptional care for our residents, in a warm, friendly and professional environment. We are pleased that the Bennett Centre is the only not-for-profit charitable, long-term care home in Halton Hills.

With a waitlist consistently over 300 people, there is a strong need to provide more care for our aging population in Halton. By 2031 the total population of the Region is projected to grow to 780,000 people *. We plan to address this gap with the development of the Bennett Centre, increasing from a 66-bed up to a 192-bed care residence on our 5-acre property located at 225 Halton Hills Drive in Georgetown. With an increase of 126 beds, the proposed new Home will address the lack of beds within our Region and will support the needs of our growing older adults (65+) population, which is projected to double.

We envision a home for the Halton Region that will improve the flow of health care by promoting integration and partnerships within the regional health care system for older adults with a variety of health needs. With a larger home, we plan to offer specialized care for Francophone residents and those who need more support for mental health and dementia related behaviour. Through innovation and a cutting-edge health practice and care environment, we will provide better, more efficient resident-centred care, that responds to the needs of increasingly behaviourally cognitively impaired, and physically dependent residents.

This comprehensive approach to excellence in care will also be critical in our efforts to attract and retain the best and brightest in clinical care and supportive services.

We need to secure community support to help fund the cost of bringing this state-of-the-art home to fruition.

Our Board, management, staff and volunteers are committed to Bennett Village being a leader in adult living environments and services and our planned development will bring that vision to life.

The expanded long-term care home will enable Bennett Centre to increase care capacity in an integrated model, enhancing the wellbeing and participation of residents and providing a home for Halton Region's older adults to live in a safe, socially connected environment with dignity. We are excited to start on the next stage of the expansion plan and we invite you to partner with us.



Brian Clark
Bennett Village
Board Chair

*Halton Regional Official Plan, *Sustainable Halton 2009*

MISSION

Bennett Village is a charitable organization that provides outstanding care and experiences that redefine senior living. With stylish independent living at The Gallery and progressive long-term care at the Bennett Centre, we are committed to excellence throughout the organization as we continue to grow our village.

VISION

To build an entire village designed for older adults where aging happens in an enriching, supportive and safe community setting.

VALUES

We believe that the following core values must pervade all aspects of our service, must infuse all our interactions & must be the measure of all behaviour throughout our organization and with the community at large.

- Dignity
- Compassion
- Trust
- Leadership
- Respect
- Quality
- Teamwork





Our Story

Since its official opening in 1999, the Bennett Centre has been an integral part of senior living in the Halton Region. Beginning in 1973 with the idea of a non-profit home on hospital property, it underwent several iterations until 1982 when the Ministry of Health approved a 77-bed retirement and nursing home. The project was further advanced by a generous bequest from Stewart and Violet Bennett in the same year.

While the nursing home originated as a part of the Georgetown Hospital, in 1999, the Bennett Centre became a separate entity, leasing its current space from Halton Healthcare. For more than two decades, the Bennett Centre has welcomed a diverse community of more than one thousand residents.



It is time to expand and redefine this vision and build a new Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home across the road from The Gallery Active Living life lease building, joining together as Bennett Village.

“For a long time it was evident that something was needed in Georgetown to meet the needs of people who were no longer able to care for themselves in their own homes. As a Social Worker at the Georgetown Hospital, it was difficult for me to tell families that they would need to send their loved ones somewhere where they could get constant care and that it wasn’t available in Georgetown.”

Eunice McGowan, Former Board and Founding Committee Member of The Bennett Centre

Proud to Be Not-for-Profit

Bennett Village is a licensed, charitable non-profit organization and the only not-for-profit long-term care home (LTC) in the area. As a not-for-profit home, the Bennett Centre reinvests all surplus revenues and fundraised gifts to enhance and increase the level of high quality service provided to its residents. For-profit homes often keep surplus revenue and withdraw these funds for investors, taking money out of the long-term care system which is funded through taxpayer dollars.

Not-for-profit organizations are accountable to the public through elected representatives and charitable boards, ensuring the appropriateness and effectiveness of the programs and services delivered. Not-for-profits believe that services in the community should be governed by the people who live in and care about that community.

“The Bennett management and staff has been great for our family since my mother arrived in June 2020. I truly believe that a not-for-profit home is the best option for many reasons. My parents feel “rich” at this place. They get great food. They are kept busy every day. They want for nothing! They are living in a very nice big room that feels like home to them. They get regular family visits. At 95 years, they feel blessed as they are still together.”

NEIL HAGEMAN, Co-Chair of the Family Council and Family Member



The Need For More Beds is Now

As our loved ones age, we want to ensure that they receive the same compassion and care that we would provide. Moving into long-term care can be a complicated and potentially stressful process, especially given that spaces in Ontario are scarce. At present, the Mississauga/Halton region has fewer beds per population aged 75+ than any other region in Ontario, with bed ratios almost 30% lower than the provincial average. Wait times for an available room can be up to two years. The need for more beds has never been greater.

There is also an increased need for specialized care in long-term care homes that responds to the needs of behaviourally and cognitively impaired, physically dependent residents.

Currently, there are approximately 25,000 Francophones residing within the Mississauga/Halton region and 19.5% of them are over 65 years old. As well, there are more than 16,000 Francophone seniors

residing in the Greater Toronto Area, and access to Francophone long-term care beds is greatly needed. Currently, more than 700 Francophone seniors in the GTA are on waiting lists. There are no specialized long-term care beds for these members of our community, creating an urgent need for establishing a dedicated Francophone unit to support this linguistic and culturally unique community in this region.

“It’s exciting to consider what a bright, new, modern long-term care home can mean for seniors and their families across the Mississauga/Halton region. The cognitive and Francophone specialized units will provide families with access to care that is designed to meet their loved ones’ unique needs. The new home will allow the dedicated, caring staff the opportunity to enhance programming and approaches to care supported by unique design elements and the latest in technology.”

ROSSLYN DOWELL, Retired Chair, Bennett Village Board of Directors





Providing Compassion and Care

The care needs of residents change as they age over time and it is crucial that their long-term care home and its programs are able to adapt with them, with the compassion they deserve. The design of the Bennett Centre has been developed to feel like home. It will be positioned to be a centre of excellence and innovation in Halton Region.

The expanded home will provide resident-centred care, reinforcing the Bennett Centre's commitment to privacy and dignity, with control over personal space. This model will reflect the personal feel of ones' own home in feel and function while providing enhanced care and infection protection.

The new location, just down the street from the Georgetown hospital will also ensure ongoing access to specialized care.



A Home for Enhanced Care

The four-storey 192-bed long-term care home will carry on the family-oriented culture that the current Bennett Centre has developed, through six 32-resident home areas.

The enhanced residential living spaces, designed with the principles of a small house model, will provide increased privacy, accessibility, safety and security.

The design blends emerging practices and anticipates future trends in addressing residents' needs and changing diversity.

The project will endeavor to meet new ESG Guidelines for construction and at a minimum LEED Silver Certification, as well as the Town of Halton Hills Green Development Standards.

The new Bennett Centre is planning to have a minimum of the following:

- 115 private LTC beds
- 77 semi-private LTC beds
- Specialized Francophone service
- Dining room in each wing
- Multi-purpose spaces
- Social spaces
- Outdoor gardens

In addition, the new Bennett Centre will provide:

- A multi-disciplinary approach to care, adapting as the needs of residents change.
- Enhanced support and quality of care will be available through care centres, which will focus more on the residential experience rather than an institutional one.

- A safe, socially connected home-like environment where residents can live with dignity and privacy.

Efficient resident-centred care

- that responds to the needs of increasingly behaviourally and cognitively impaired, physically dependent residents through innovation and cutting-edge health technologies.
- Expanded floor plans to allow for optimal moveability, functionality, ergonomics and infection control for both residents' personal living and staff.
- Living spaces such as celebration rooms, chapel, café and shop to share with resident's family and friends.
- Integration and partnerships with local agencies to improve the flow of health care systems.
- An environment-first philosophy, incorporating the area's natural systems, including Black Creek, surrounding woodlands and the expanded trail system.
- A designated wing for individuals who need more support and experience some mental health and dementia related behaviours that require some security measures.
- A proposed 32-bed unit for Francophone residents providing access to services in French to significantly improve their care experience and quality of life.



The render drawings are for illustrative purposes only. The design, dimensions, materials, colours, and finishes depicted in these renderings are subject to change and may not accurately reflect the final designs.

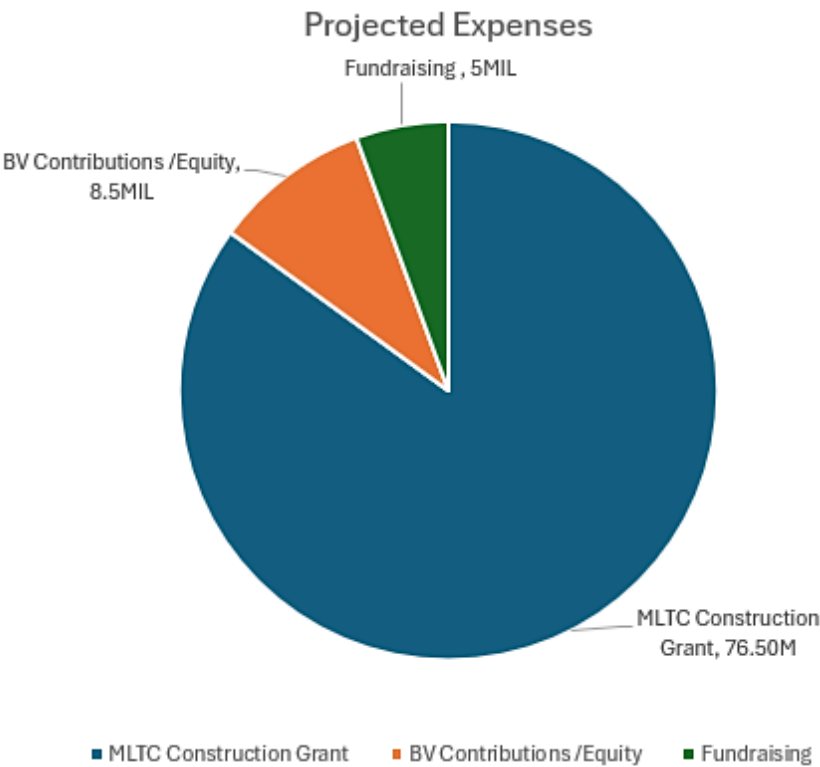
Designed by Salter Pilon Architecture



Economic Impact

The construction of the new Bennett Centre will, through the direct spending by Bennett Village, and the indirect effects of this spending in the area, generate more than \$12M of economic activity and create the equivalent of approx. 200 full-time jobs over the length of the construction project.

Funding Our Vision



“We are fixing long-term care, so residents get the right care in the right place”
Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care -Aug 29, 2024

A Message from the CEO

A core principle of Halton Hills' municipal philosophy is to ensure that residents have access to strong infrastructure that supports safe communities, built on integrity and transparency. As the only not-for-profit, Long-term Care operator in Halton Hills, Bennett Village is equally committed to ensuring that this mission includes adequate beds for our seniors to age in place.

With a current waitlist of well over 300 individuals, the urgency for building our new 192-bed LTC home has never been more important to our communities. This project will bring tremendous economic opportunities to Halton Hills, generating more than 300 direct employment opportunities, and well over 1000 (direct and indirect) jobs for our community. The dollar benefit will be more than \$270 million dollars invested into our communities!

As the CEO here at Bennett Village, I have seen the incredible dedication of our frontline employees, our senior leadership team, volunteers and our Board of Directors. I have never been more proud to be part of such a worthy provider of seniors' services! Supporting our elders requires a broad community effort-family, neighbors, friends, and services to ensure they receive dignity, connection, and care, combating isolation and easing caregiver burden, especially as families become more dispersed.

Today, I invite you to join our adventure as we redefine seniors care in Halton Hills and build for our shared future. In advance of your support for this greatly needed community project, we say thank you. Your contribution will leave a lasting legacy for Halton Hills.



Jeff Renaud
Bennett Village
CEO

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2026 and the new Bennett Centre will open by fall 2029.

As a community, we can make an impact on long-term care in the Halton Region. The Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home will be a flagship for elder care across the province, ensuring dignity, care and compassion for our family members for generations to come.

We need your support to make the new Bennett Centre happen



Scan the QR code to donate or contact info@bennettvillage.ca for more information on how you can support.





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