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MAY 16, 2022: 32 MORE NEW LTC BEDS APPROVED THROUGH SJGHEL CAMPUS OF CARE MODEL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAGAMOK AND SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATIONS

St. Joseph's General Hospital Elliot Lake (SJGHEL), together with Sagamok and Serpent River First Nations, were thrilled to receive the news that both Campus of Care model projects have been allocated beds by the Ontario Provincial Government, as part of the government's commitment to build 30,000 much-needed net new long-term care beds across Ontario by 2028. The partnership between SJGHEL and Sagamok First Nation has been allocated 16 new beds to create a 16-bed LTC home through the construction of a new building in Massey that proposes to serve Indigenous residents as part of a campus of care.

Sagamok First Nation Chief Alan Ozawanimki stated, "we recognized the need for additional LTC beds, and are pleased to hear that the government is assisting us in providing a complete continuum of community support services located close enough that they can remain integrated with our people."

The partnership between SJGHEL and Serpent River First Nation has also been allocated 16 new beds to create a 16-bed LTC home through the construction of a new building in Serpent River, which proposes to serve Indigenous residents in a campus of care model.

Ogemma Brent Bissailion for Serpent River First Nation commented that "We strive to create quality, high level of care for our Elders, and caregivers. Today's announcement is a commitment to ensure that we are providing the highest level of care; and will be able to deliver on that care. Hopefully, this will be a model of reconciliation for all of us, as we move forward together, in creating a stronger quality of life for our Elders and Grandparents."

CEO Jeremy Stevenson noted that "the development of these long-term care home partnerships is another valuable step towards helping to reduce waitlists while providing our seniors the necessary care they deserve within their communities, close to their families."



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Ontario now has 31,705 new and 28,648 upgraded beds in development across the province. Of the 365 projects announced to date, 115 projects such as ours have proposed to be part of a “campus of care” model focused on healthy seniors’ living, integrating the long-term care home into the broader health care system. Recognizing the diversity of our aging population, 30 projects have proposed to serve Indigenous communities and 39 have proposed to serve Ontario’s Francophone population.

SJGHEL Board Chair Elaine Johnston added "As the Chair of the Hospital Board, I am so excited and grateful for the willingness of the Board and the Hospital Administration to partner with our First Nations to secure the 16 Long Term Care beds for my community of Serpent River First Nation and 16 Long Term Care beds for Sagamok Anishinabek. This shows reconciliation in action within Health care and can be a model of working together."

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