

November 29, 2023

Mayor Sandy Shantz and Members of Council
Woolwich Township
24 Church Street West,
P.O. Box 158, Elmira, ON N3B 2Z6

Dear Mayor Shantz and Township Council:

RE: We need Woolwich's support to build a new Long-Term Care (LTC) Home

Further to our letter dated November 20, 2023 (enclosed), we are following up on the consultation around the Province's reversal of municipal plan decisions. peopleCare virtually attended the Woolwich Council meeting last week November 21, 2023, during which divergent perspectives were expressed about the recommendation (Option #2) in the memo from Woolwich Planning staff to Council.

This issue is of the utmost importance as it impacts peopleCare's planned development of a new 160-bed long-term care (LTC) Home in St. Jacobs. After an exhaustive search, we have sourced the necessary land for our LTC Home. The viability of this site is contingent on the adjacent lands owned by 1604964 Ontario Inc. remaining within the urban settlement boundary.

Again, we strongly encourage Council to support Option #2: *"Recommend to the Province to move forward with the existing Province's approved boundaries with staged and controlled growth."*

In the past two years, peopleCare has met with various landowners and Township staff on multiple occasions to explore potential alternate sites: there is simply no other land available. Without the above noted lands, our LTC Home may not be developed in St. Jacobs.

To provide further context, the Woolwich community will be negatively impacted if LTC development in St. Jacobs is delayed or, worse, never happens. Across the province 40,000 people are already waiting for LTC – a number that will only increase given aging demographics. Locally, demand is high and growing. In June of this year, Twin Oaks in Maryhill closed, resulting in a loss of 31 LTC spaces in the Township. In addition, there are a number of older LTC Homes in the region whose licenses are set to expire in 2025.

peopleCare remains fully committed to bringing much-needed new care and services to seniors in the Woolwich community and we appreciate the ongoing support and collaboration of Township Council and Staff. Please feel free to connect with Megan Allen-Lamb at 519-807-1534 or mallenlamb@peoplecare.ca at any time.

Sincerely,



Brent Gingerich
Chairman & CEO



Megan Allen-Lamb
President

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Dear Mayor Shantz and Township Council:

RE: Feedback on Woolwich Planning Memo re Province's Reversal of Municipal Plan Decisions

On behalf of peopleCare Communities, we are writing to share our perspective on the Woolwich Township Manager Planning Memo to Council – dated Nov 21, 2023 – on the Ontario Government's legislation introduced in October 2023 that would wind back provincial changes to official plans, official plan amendments and urban boundaries in St. Jacobs.

We have reviewed the Memo and the response options it outlines. With respect, we strongly encourage Council to support option 2:

"Recommend to the Province to: 2) Move forward with the existing Province's approved boundaries with staged and controlled growth."

As you are aware, peopleCare Communities is a leading developer and operator of senior living communities, with a 55-year history of service. In December 2021, we were awarded the necessary new LTC bed licenses to enable us to develop a new 160-bed LTC Home in St. Jacobs.

After an exhaustive search over more than two years, we were able to finally locate a parcel of land in St. Jacobs for our development, enabled by the adjacent lands owned by 1604964 Ontario Inc. being designated within the urban settlement boundary.

Since that time, we have invested in the property: working through the necessary agreements and negotiations with the land owners, begun due diligence on the land, and engaged our team including land planners and architects on preliminary site planning. The viability of the land identified for our LTC development is at risk if the Province does not move forward with the April 2023 approved boundaries.

With a growing LTC waitlist of over 40,000 people, building LTC capacity – including 30,000 new LTC beds by 2028 – is one of the Ontario government's most pressing priorities. peopleCare is working diligently to accelerate our developments, including in St. Jacobs. With the readiness of the lands in question, and approval to construct from the Ministry, we would deliver a new 160-bed LTC Home in St. Jacobs in approximately 22 months following start of construction. The community would benefit from 160 net new LTC beds. We would create over 200 new local jobs. And 160 older adults would benefit from receiving the exceptional care and services we provide, close to family, friends and neighbours.

Mayor Shantz and members of Council, we thank you and Township staff for your ongoing support as we've explored suitable land options for this development and built strong community relationships. We

look most forward to hearing a successful conclusion to this consultation process, and to bringing the promise of this LTC development to fruition in the near future.

This is an issue of the utmost importance to us at peopleCare. Please reach out anytime to Megan Allen-Lamb at 519-807-1534 or mallenlamb@peoplecare.ca.

Sincerely,



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