



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: March 9, 2020
Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____

Item No. 15.1

WHEREAS, the Ontario government has committed to creating 15,000 new long-term care beds in the province in five years to help increase access to long-term care, reduce waitlists, alleviate hospital capacity pressures, and end hallway health care;

AND WHEREAS in addition, the government has committed to upgrading an additional 15,000 older long-term care beds to modern design standards, which will allow the long-term care sector to provide more appropriate care to those with complex health conditions;

AND WHEREAS the Bennett Centre Long-Term Care of Bennett Village is required to upgrade its 66 beds prior to the end of 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Bennett Centre Long-Term Care is currently renting space from the Halton Healthcare (Georgetown) system with a rental agreement end date of 2034;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Long-Term Care is requiring applications for renewal and expansion of beds to be made by March 31, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (MHLHN) has fewer beds per population aged 75+ than any other LHIN in Ontario, with bed ratios almost 30% lower than the province as a whole;

AND WHEREAS there are no specialized Long-Term Care beds (Behavioural, Convalescent or High Acuity beds) in Halton Region, the geographic area to be serviced in the future through the Connecting Care Halton Ontario Health Team;

AND WHEREAS the Bennett Centre LTC has a current waitlist of more than 200 people waiting for admission;

AND WHEREAS from 2015 – 2019, the MHLHIN long-term care home waitlist grew by 7% per year;

AND WHEREAS the Halton Region Older Adult Plan 2015 – 2018 reported the number of older adults (65+) in Halton will nearly double by 2031;

AND WHEREAS the Bennett Centre is a recognized, not for profit long-term care home that has provided over 20 years of quality, safe, resident-centered care to residents of the Town of Halton Hills and surrounding area;

AND WHEREAS the vision of Bennett Village is to be “a leader in adult living environments and services” which includes the current life-lease building and the long-term care home and future development of other services needed by older adults in Halton Hills;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills philosophically support the Bennett Centre Long-Term Care in its application to redevelop its existing 66 beds and to expand a further 94 beds to a 160-bed long-term care home;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Region of Halton, Halton MP's, Halton MPP's, Minister of Long-Term Care, and Ministers of Seniors both Federal and Provincial governments.

Mayor Rick Bonnette