



January 25, 2021

Dear Mayor Tory and members of the Executive Committee

We wanted to write to express our utmost appreciation and support for the recommendation to the Executive Committee to defer the payment of development charges for non-profit long-term care homes for as long as they remain a non-profit long-term care use.

This decision illustrates true leadership, by both Council and City staff, on a key issue which has been delaying the building of new Long Term Care homes in Toronto.

In Toronto, the wait list for Long Term Care home beds is very long, currently in excess of 5,700 beds. The Reikai Centres, a non-profit, charitable Long-Term Care Home, has been approved to build a new Long-Term Care home on the Waterfront lands at Front St E and Cherry St. The deferral from Development Charges will greatly assist us in our plans to realize the Reikai Centres Campus of Care.

We anticipate breaking ground later this year to bring much needed Long-Term Care beds into downtown Toronto.

On behalf of individuals and their families needing long-term care beds, thank you.

Sincerely,


Sue Graham-Nutter
CEO


Peter Reikai
Chair