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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES 320 NEW LONG-TERM CARE BEDS FOR STOUFFVILLE

Announcement paves way for new facility on Sandiford Drive

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – The Honourable Dr. Reza Moridi, Ontario Minister of Research, Innovation and Science, announced last week the creation of 636 new long-term care beds in York Region, including 320 in Stouffville.

The announcement paves the way for a new long-term care facility to be built on Sandiford Drive by the Mon Sheong Foundation, a Canadian charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of Chinese culture, heritage, language and philosophy.

The proposed facility, which was the subject of Public Meeting on September 26, 2017, would house a total 1,030 long-term care beds and be located at 162 and 176 Sandiford Drive in Stouffville. The property has a land area of 4.09 hectares (10.11 acres) and is currently vacant and undeveloped.

“Planning staff are currently working with the developers to proceed with a zoning change so work can begin at the location,” said Haiqing Xu, Director of Development Services with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. “We are expecting to bring this request to Council in June.”

The land is currently zoned Employment Business Park (with a Holding provision). The applicant is seeking permission to add an institutional use to this zone.

“Approval of this development would create hundreds of jobs for the Stouffville area and help reduce long-term care wait times in York Region,” said Xu. “The changing demographics of Whitchurch-Stouffville dictate the need for an age-friendly community. Town staff is certainly in support of such development.”

The staff recommendation is expected to be before Council on Tuesday, June 19. The Council meeting gets underway at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 111 Sandiford Drive. The meeting’s agenda will be available Thursday, June 14.

“Planning staff have done a terrific job working with the developers to make this facility a reality. We look forward to continuing this relationship,” Xu said.

About the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is one of the jewels of the GTA, located just north of Toronto on Highway 404. We are a community rich in heritage and character and we are committed to offering our residents and businesses ‘Country Close to the City’.

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