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**ONE STEP CLOSER TO FRENCH LANGUAGE LONG-TERM CARE IN BARRIE**

*Ontario government investment in long-term care projects will help meet the needs of Francophone seniors*

AURORA, ON, March 29, 2021 – Entité 4 welcomes the newly announced long-term care projects led by Victoria Village and Grove Park Home which include beds prioritized for Francophone seniors as part of their newly funded long-term care beds.

“There is a significant need for long-term care services in French for Francophone seniors and their families in the Barrie area,” says Board Chair Yves Lévesque. “We thank Victoria Village and Grove Park Home for their openness to partnering with Entité 4 following our 2019 *Language Matters in Long-Term Care* campaign.”

Victoria Village offers an innovative continuum of care, promoting healthy aging in the heart of Barrie.

“Victoria Village is very proud and excited to have this opportunity to develop 128 new long-term care beds on our site in downtown Barrie,” says Victoria Village CEO Bill Krever. “This new facility will add to the current 128 beds that we have at Victoria Village Manor on the same site. The new long-term care beds will meet the needs of seniors in our community and will help alleviate the pressure on the health care system due to a long wait list for long-term care services in our region. We are also delighted that these new beds will reflect the needs of seniors in our community with the inclusion of a number of beds dedicated to Francophone seniors. We are grateful for the support of Entité 4 in helping us develop services reflective of Francophone seniors in our community.”

Located in Barrie, Grove Park Home for Senior Citizens provides a continuum of care through a Seniors Day Program, a small retirement home, and long-term care. The organization provides care for those who may have several chronic conditions or suffer from some degree of cognitive impairment or dementia.

“The awarding of two new beds and the redevelopment of 62 of our existing older long-term care beds will ensure that we will continue to provide exemplary services and accommodation to residents and clients,” says Grove Park Executive Director Paul Taylor. “We are just starting out on our journey to building our capacity to serve our Francophone clients and we look forward to working with Entité 4 to serve our community.”

“Long-term care residents are among the most vulnerable members of our society. Providing linguistically appropriate care is a critical component of providing compassionate care and helps to build a sense of home for residents,” adds Lisa Gotell, Executive Director of Entité 4.

“The community has shared that they are afraid to grow old in Barrie due to the lack of French language services. The newly funded projects, in conjunction with the [projects](#)



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[announced last year](#), will go a long way in addressing community concerns,” concludes Mr. Lévesque.

Entité 4 is mandated by the Ministry of Health to improve access to French Language Health Services. Entité 4 facilitates community engagement and provides innovative advice on planning, organizing and integrating French Language Health Services. Entité 4 works with local, regional and provincial partners, throughout the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka regions, to build and sustain health care services for Ontario’s official language minority population.

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