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Much-needed long-term care home and EMS station open



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There was twice as much to celebrate with (from left to right) Kevin Flynn, MPP Oakville, Chairman Joyce Savoline, Regional Councillor Rick Craven, Mayor Ann Mulvale and Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton cutting the ribbon to symbolize the opening of both the Post Inn Village Long-Term Care Home and the new Oakville North Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Station.

Chudleigh says 'I told you so' as infill growth angers neighbourhood

Pointing to a proposed nine-storey apartment building on Upper Middle Road and Bronte Road in Oakville, Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said one of his predictions regarding the consequences of the McGuinty Liberal government's Greenbelt has become reality.

"The Liberal's Greenbelt legislation was going to force high density developments into existing low and medium density neighbourhoods," said Mr. Chudleigh. "Dramatic changes to the character of existing neighbourhoods aren't fair to current homeowners."

Mr. Chudleigh said it is notable that the proposed development is actually on property designated as Parkway West Belt, which was land set aside decades ago for future use as a utility, transportation and open space corridors.

"In some respects the Parkway Belt West was the Greenbelt of the early 1970s," said Mr. Chudleigh. "So it is strange that we are now using it for the construction of infill developments. What does that say about the future of Mr. McGuinty's Greenbelt and the value of a land designation process which has changed the lives of a great many people?"

The land in question is currently zoned as Public Open Space and Buffer Area.

"Anybody who lives in a neighbourhood with any open space nearby should be wary of proposed infill developments," said Mr. Chudleigh. "The McGuinty Liberals have opened the door for Oakville and other towns in Halton to become a lot more like Scarborough."

Post Inn Village and new ambulance station open side-by-side in Oakville

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline, Member of Provincial Parliament for Halton Ted Chudleigh, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oakville Kevin Flynn and Mayor of Oakville Ann Mulvale celebrated the official opening of Post Inn Village Long-Term Care Home and Oakville North Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Station in Oakville on Thursday, July 7. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at the entrance of Post Inn Village symbolized the opening of the two buildings.

"The opening of Post Inn Village answers a much-needed demand in our community for more long-term care beds," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "And, our new ambulance station is in keeping with Halton's commitment to exceed the provincially mandated response times, as outlined in the Ambulance Master Plan. The integration of the facilities onto one site is an example of how we are maximizing service efficiencies."

To meet the needs of Halton's growing seniors population, the province awarded the Region 128 long-term care beds in 1998. Halton transferred another 100 beds from Allendale's Martin House to create a new larger facility and to reduce the overall operation costs. The result was Post Inn Village, which opened to residents in early January. Already, there are 213 residents and interest is high, as staff continue to provide tours on an ongoing basis.

Located in the heart of the Oak Park community, Post Inn's "village" concept was designed to not only enhance the

lives of the residents by keeping them connected to the community, but also enrich the community with the rich history seniors bring with them.

Post Inn Village features many unique services including an interior courtyard and an independently operated childcare centre. Parkview Children's Centre offers an excellent opportunity for both groups of the age spectrum to understand and learn from each other.

Post Inn's sister home, Creek Way Village in Burlington is scheduled to open late 2005. Creek Way Village will add another 144 long-term care beds to the Halton Region.

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