



Parkview Home administrator Wally Kribs (left), assistant administrator Fran Lind and site superintendent Mike Van Loon check out the long-term care centre's new building.

# Construction delay stalls home's opening

*Parkview offers new living format*

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The new Parkview Home on Weldrick Avenue is set to open Sept. 12. The home's administrators had hoped to have the long-term care facility accept its first residents by summer, but water and sewage connections have only now been completed.

There are still several stages in the approval process to go. The final one is from the Health and Long-Term Care Ministry, which will do an inspection in September, Parkview administrator Wally Kribs said.

The new home will have a different format from the original building at 481 Rupert Ave., making it more comfortable for residents and staff.

While the current home has three resident home areas with each having 43 residents, the new facility will have five smaller home areas.

There would be a maximum of 28 seniors in each area and each will have its own dining room, activity room and lounge.

Residents with dementia will live in two "special care" home areas with a secure outdoor courtyard.

Terraces on the second and third floor will overlook the courtyard.

Ceiling-mounted lifts in many of the rooms will make it easier to take residents to the ensuite washrooms or position them in bed.

The home features suites for couples and can accommodate 19 more people than the old home, for a total of 128.

The main lounge at the entrance of the building will be named Founders' Lounge to recognize all those who, 45 years ago, saw a need for this type of specialized care.

The Parkview Home Building Fund has raised more than \$2.2 of its \$3 million target through donations from businesses, residents, their families, Parkview staff and other members of the community.

"We are so overwhelmed by the high level of support shown by the community," Parkview board chairperson Melody Potter said.

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The Mayor's Foundation donated \$10,000 last year and is donating the same amount this year. Funds were raised through the Mayor's Golf Challenge.

A Celebration of Spring fundraising dinner takes place April 21 at EastRidge Missionary Church.

The dinner will be followed by entertainment including The Men of Note chorus.

Tickets at \$75 per person are available from Parkview Home. Call 905-640-1911, ext. 221. Charitable receipts will be given for part of the ticket price.

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