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### **Community Update: Long-term Care Home/Housing Project**

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In February 2022, the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) announced that 14 of 30,000 new Long-Term Care (LTC) beds in Ontario would be allocated to a LTC project in Killarney. This was not an approval of funding to build the home but a promise that 14 beds be put 'on hold' for Killarney and a decision on funding would be made once a full proposal was submitted. A full proposal was later submitted to MLTC for consideration. This proposal outlined a pilot project for Ontario which would involve building a stand-alone small LTC home. This project would be the first of its kind in Ontario and could provide a solution for LTC for small communities and allow residents to 'age in place' staying in their home community longer. For the project to be financially viable and sustainable there is a need for changes to legislation that regulates LTC operations and funding models.

Over the past 3 years, the Municipal Council and the Long-term Care Steering Committee have engaged with the Ministry to move this project forward with little progress and it is evident that it will take a lot of time for the changes needed to make this project viable. While the Municipality will continue to advocate for a change in LTC models, we recognize that there may be other ways to reach our goal of having residents 'age in place' and stay in the community longer as they get older and will put energy and resources into other solutions.

On that note, we are excited to share that Council is currently working with a consulting team to explore an 'attainable housing' project to provide new housing in the community including senior housing with supportive services. A needs assessment process will be starting soon to better understand general housing needs as well as senior housing and support desired by the community. This process will involve public meetings, consultations with businesses and other key stakeholders. Public meetings will be advertised once scheduled, and we encourage all residents to attend and provide their input as it is extremely valuable in a successful project that meets community needs.

In addition, a new Working Group for this project will be formed.

**If you are interested in being a part of the Working Group, please contact the Municipal Office in writing by noon on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**