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### **New long-term care beds coming to Fort St. John**

Residents in the Northeast will soon have access to additional long-term care beds as the business plan has been approved for an expansion to Peace Villa in Fort St. John.

“As Fort St. John continues to grow, so does the need for strong, modern long-term care infrastructure,” said Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure. “This newly approved long-term care home is a generational investment—expanding access to quality care for seniors, strengthening health services in the region, and creating meaningful jobs for the community.”

This addition is being funded jointly between the Ministry of Infrastructure, through Northern Health, and the Peace River Regional Hospital District and will bring 84 new single bedroom long-term care beds to the region. In addition, the project will include a 30-space adult day program as well as social and recreational spaces.

“On behalf of the PRRHD, I am thrilled that this new long-term care facility project is advancing,” said Leonard Hiebert, PRRHD Chair. “The expansion means that our seniors can receive the care they need while staying within their communities. Together with all the local community advocacy that has been done, I also want to recognize our partnerships with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Northern Health for their support in reaching this essential regional milestone.”

This project is part of an overall investment of over 600 additional long-term care beds in the North with new long-term care facilities being developed in Prince George, Smithers, Quesnel, and Fort St. John.

The project is taking place in Treaty 8 territory and is expected to begin construction in Spring 2027 with the facility being open for residents in late 2030.

**Quotes:**

**Josie Osborne, Minister of Health**

“Ensuring seniors have access to high quality healthcare services, including long-term care, is fundamental to our public healthcare system. This expansion will enable more seniors to access compassionate and dignified care in the community they love, surrounded by the support they need”

**Colleen Nyce, Northern Health Board Chair**

“This new expansion to Peace Villa will bring much needed additional support for our seniors in the Northeast and reflects our commitment to ensure that our Northern seniors can age with dignity close to home. We are grateful to the support of the Peace River Regional Hospital District, the City of Fort St. John, and all our partners who helped make this happen.”

**Susie Chant, Parliamentary Secretary for Senior’s Services and Long-Term Care**

“As our population ages and grows rapidly, we’re dedicate to expanding high-quality, easily accessible long-term care in communities across the province. This new addition will ensure more seniors in the region are cared for and supported as they age, in environments that are safe, modern, and close to their loved ones”.

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