

Ontario Cutting Red Tape to Help Build Housing for Seniors in Simcoe County

Changes will help 600 seniors and create 200 jobs

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Barrie — The Ontario government is cutting red tape in Simcoe County, helping 600 seniors access needed housing and services, while creating close to 200 full-time jobs.

Today, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, was joined by Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie—Innisfil, to announce Ontario's role in unlocking a property in Innisfil to build new homes for the community's aging population.

Once complete, Tollendale Village 2, a planned retirement and long-term care facility, would be one of the largest seniors' facilities in Simcoe County.

"The province doesn't build housing, but we can cut red tape and create conditions that make it easier to build housing in areas that need it," said Clark. "I am pleased to issue a zoning order to allow the Tollendale project to be built on Big Bay Point Road. This is part of our government's people-first approach."

"I am looking forward to what this announcement will mean for the residents in Barrie and Innisfil," said Khanjin. "Tollendale has been working tirelessly to ensure that the aging senior population has a safe and affordable place to live. The work that this organization does on a day-to-day basis is a benefit to our community. We all know of a loved one requiring somewhere safe to live and this project is going to be providing the spaces they need."

The planned seven-building complex is expected to include 388 retirement apartments, 160 long-term care beds and a 52-unit assisted living facility.

The new facility would allow residents to live in their apartment under a life lease, an innovative approach to housing that allows seniors to age in place, without having to own their home.

QUICK FACTS

- Simcoe County Christian Senior Home Inc. also operates Tollendale Village in Barrie, which is home to more than 500 seniors.
- [More Homes, More Choice](#) outlines the government's plan to cut red tape and build more housing that meets the needs of people across Ontario. The plan encourages innovative approaches to home ownership – like life leases.

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