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COMMUNITY UPDATE #1

THE NEW BIRCHES

It is with great pride and excitement that I am providing this report to our community on the status of the new build for The Birches nursing home. As you know, Government announced the new build in February 2021 and the Board and leadership team have been busy working behind the scenes on a number of initiatives including:

- Recruitment, selection, and hiring of the Project Manager for the work. The "PM" started duties in January and it overseeing the work on behalf of the Board.
- A tender was issued for the design and architectural services which was recently award to A49.
- A tender was issued to support the Board with site selection. The work of this team commenced in March 2022 and a report is expected to the Board by June 30th, 2022 with a recommendation of the top 3 sites. The Board will use objective criteria to rank these sites which will be submitted to the Ministry of Seniors and Long Term Care.
- Our timelines continue to be met and we anticipate the opening of a new Birches by February 2025.

Rick Anderson, Board Chair