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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

The Ontario government is committed to taking every step to protect long-term care (LTC) home residents, staff, and caregivers. As part of its modernization of the long-term care sector, we are working to provide access to high quality, resident-centred and innovative care for the province's most vulnerable people, when and where they need it.

The Government of Canada has adapted its Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to better respond to the impacts of COVID-19 by creating a temporary COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for provinces and territories to support quick-start, short-term infrastructure projects across various sectors. As announced on October 28, 2020, Ontario is leveraging up to \$1.05 billion in federal-provincial funding to support municipalities as well as the education and long-term care sectors.

I am pleased to inform you that under this new ICIP COVID-19 stream, long-term care (LTC) homes will be provided up to \$100 million in combined federal-provincial one-time funding to support COVID-19 resilience infrastructure projects. This investment reflects up to \$80 million in federal funding and up to \$20 million in provincial funding to support new COVID-19 measures to reinforce safe physical distancing and retrofitting projects, such as improvements to Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems in LTC homes across the province.

The application intake for LTC homes under this ICIP Stream will launch on November 23, 2020. All LTC homes are eligible to apply for this program except those that are currently under redevelopment. Interested LTC homes apply for funding through the Government of Ontario's Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system during the application period from **November 23, 2020 to December 18, 2020**. Applications submitted to the Ministry of Long-Term Care will be assessed against provincial criteria and nominated for federal funding, if eligible. Approved projects must commence no later than September 30, 2021, and must be substantially complete by December 31, 2021; except for remote communities which will have until December 31, 2022, to substantially complete projects.

Remote communities that fall under this definition, as per the Canada-Ontario Integrated Bilateral Agreement, are outlined in the attached Remote Communities List.

Sheila Bristo, the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Operations Division, will write to you in the near future to share additional details about the ICIP program application process and project eligibility.

If, in the interim, you have any questions or require further information, please contact ICIP.LTC@ontario.ca. If your organization currently does not have access to TPO, please register as soon as possible by visiting www.ontario.ca/GetFunding. Please contact TPONCC@ontario.ca if you have any technical questions.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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