

## Affordable, Seniors Housing coming to East Fonthill

Members of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee who came to Council to hear more about Parkhill Properties seniors/affordable housing project in Pelham were not disappointed, learning that a projected eight-storey, 80-90 unit apartment complex is in the works.

“On behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee I’d like thank the Mayor and Council for listening to our persistent voice,” Gail Hilyer, chair of the committee, told members of Council. “You’ve continued to listen and involve us and we appreciate that.”

The complex will be built near the Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Centre, a location chosen due to its access to many existing amenities. The building will incorporate some built-in services, such as a salon/barber shop, games room, laundry facility, etc., but a final list of features has not been decided.

“It’s a great thing that you’ve presented to us this evening,” said Mayor Dave Augustyn to Parkhill representatives. “This complex will allow some of our life-long residents the ability to stay in the Town they call home. It remains a priority of Council to find solutions for our seniors and the affordable housing challenge our citizens face – I know some people ready to sign up.”

More information will become available on the project as it moves forward, including dedicated pages on the Town of Pelham and Parkhill’s website. View the [full presentation](#).

## If you build it, they will come

In 2013 (29 hours per week) there was a total of 8,061 visitors to the Maple Acre Library. In contrast, from Jan. 24- Sept. 30, 2017 (32 hours per week) there have been a total of 20,408 visitors. Library staff indicate that the facility is used for much more than signing out books, and additional computers have been purchased to facilitate the youth that are frequently in the building.

“It’s astounding the numbers that we’re hitting, and it’s not in a short term,” said Accursi. “New programming, innovative use of the facilities and the literature and computers, it’s created a venue that young and old alike can meet, socialize, and be educated.”



## Raiders Lacrosse coming home to Pelham

The Pelham Raiders are coming home to Pelham.

Ben Chambers, president of the Welland Minor Lacrosse Association, announced to Council on November 6, 2017, that the residents in the area can once again get used to the moniker of the Pelham Raiders.

“We found it very fitting that we announce, on our 50th anniversary that we are changing our name back to Pelham and from now on we’ll be known as the Pelham Minor Lacrosse Association,” he said. “The [Community Centre] is going to be fantastic for us, and we’re very looking forward to it.”

Always run by dedicated volunteers in the community who have tirelessly worked to keep it strong, Chambers says it is a great ‘family’ they are bring back to Pelham.

“This organization has developed players that have gone on to win scholarships, play at American universities, and further that have developed a professional career,” said Councillor Gary Accursi. “They have represented this community very well, and I am extremely pleased to have you guys. back year, and all i can say is welcome home.”

## Pelham Transit rolling along

Pelham Transit saw its October 2017 ridership numbers double from the same period last year. To date, Pelham transit has had 2,689 riders this year. Promotions continue for the new evening Dial-a-Ride service. Riders can request a ride within Pelham or to Welland (Drop offs at the Seaway Mall or Niagara College) between 7-10 p.m.

## Pelham Town Council

**Next meeting: Monday, November 20, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m. Council Chambers**

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