

East Fonthill Medical Facility & Retirement Residence One Step Closer to Reality

The Town of Pelham is one step closer to bringing a state-of-the-art medical facility and retirement residence to the East Fonthill area.

Following the successful creation of a joint [draft site master plan](#), the Town of Pelham and developer Fonthill Gardens Inc. (part of the Allen Group) have completed a joint agreement to coordinate the sale, servicing and development of their lands along Regional Road 20 (from Rice Road to Station Street) to bring a much-needed medical facility and retirement residence to the community.

On March 3, 2014, the Town of Pelham declared 7.7 acres of the 32 acres it owns as surplus and therefore available for sale at an appraised value of \$375,000 per acre, plus the cost of servicing. An exchange of these lands with Fonthill Gardens Inc. is strictly to facilitate the development of a medical centre and retirement residence, as well as other complementary uses that the Town must approved.

"We have worked very diligently to ensure that this land sale and development will bring a benefit to the community and is a good deal for Town," said Mayor Dave Augustyn. "We look forward to the start of the construction of the medical centre and the retirement home on these lands in early 2015."

Planned are:

- a 30,000 square foot medical facility with 5-10 family doctors and other allied professionals (specialists, minor surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, physiotherapy, optometry, radiology, geriatric clinics, health and wellness clinic, nurses and nurse practitioners)
- approximately 120 units for a retirement complex offering independent and assisted living options

The agreement also helps facilitate the joint servicing of these lands. By constructing roads, sidewalks, water, sewer and other such services in tandem the Town expects to save time and money for both parties and ultimately minimize disruptions to the community.

"This new development will incorporate all of the design features that have been established as Town priorities during the planning process. It will recognize the importance of the current town structure while providing services and opportunities for both new and existing residents," said David Allen of Fonthill Gardens Inc. "I would like to thank both the Mayor and Council, as well as Town staff, for their efforts in moving this first stage of the process to completion and look forward to our working together in the future".

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