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Ailsa Craig -- Craigwiel Gardens is a leading seniors care and housing provider in Middlesex County serving the citizens of Ailsa Craig and the surrounding North Middlesex area. With a rich heritage that spans over 50 years that first started in a home run by volunteers from the community and the Nairn Mennonite Church; Craigwiel Gardens continues to be recognized for the excellent care to residents of the community.

The Craigholme long-term care facility was built in 1974. Through the years, the home has expanded to house 84 seniors. Craigwiel Gardens have continued building through phases, augmenting the long-term care home with a Seniors Apartment Complex, an Adult Day Centre, an Adult Day Program and Community and Support Services; all under one roof.

The Board of Directors and the Leadership Team of Craigwiel Gardens is pleased that Dr. Eric Hoskins, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has approved the licenses for 83 beds for Craigholme for an additional 30 years. This approval will permit Craigwiel Gardens to move forward with its application for the redevelopment of the home under the Enhanced Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy (Enhanced Strategy).

The new home will replace the current 83 bed home. An additional respite bed is being privately funded by Craigwiel Gardens. The rebuild will take place on the current campus at 221 Main Street, Ailsa Craig. Preliminary plans have been prepared and with the announcement of the approved licenses, Craigwiel Gardens can now begin the process of having the plans approved by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The new facility will be a two storey building with three home areas; each with its own dining and activity space. Each resident will have their own room with more privacy and more access to common areas. The new home will also continue to be linked to the rest of the Craigwiel Gardens campus maintaining the continuum of care that Craigwiel Gardens is known for in the community. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2019 with a projected completion of construction and occupancy in the following spring of 2020.

Craigwiel Gardens is overjoyed by the news of the license approval after several years of planning, and is pleased to be moving forward with creating a state-of-the-art new long-term care facility as part of our Continuum of Care. "We are committed to providing the best quality of care that enriches the lives of individuals, valuing and providing a dignified place to live and work. We are committed to the future of Ailsa Craig and North Middlesex and look forward to having a place that everyone can be proud to call home." said Lynn Humfress-Trute, Board Chair of Craigwiel Gardens.

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