

Misericordia Assisted Living Centre

Misericordia, continuing its rich history of adapting and changing to meet the needs of the communities it serves, continues to explore possibilities to expand the range of health and care services it offers Manitobans. The redevelopment of the Misericordia Education and Resource Centre (MERC) building located at 691 Wolseley Avenue is one such example. A study commissioned in 2014 determined the MERC building - originally constructed in 1961 - needed significant upgrades to mechanical, electrical and safety systems. Anticipated costs to solely address building deficiencies led Misericordia to conclude a better path forward would be to purpose-build a new facility.

Misericordia has been working on plans to replace the MERC building with an affordable assisted living seniors' housing project – a good fit with its founding Sisters' Mission of compassionate care. Plans call for development of a 10-storey apartment building composed of 97 living units. Features of the new building include a second-floor skywalk across Wolseley Avenue connecting it directly with the main health centre and ample common spaces designed to accommodate the social, recreation and dining needs of residents. The goal is to offer older adults a caring and secure residential environment designed to support independent, active and healthy living.



In 2018 Misericordia applied to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for financial assistance to help develop its proposed non-profit project. Application was made to CMHC's National Housing Co-investment Fund which provides low-cost loans and financial contributions to support development of new affordable housing.

Misericordia is pleased to announce its proposed Misericordia Assisted Living Housing Project has been selected by CMHC to proceed with detailed project planning. This selection is through a national competition where projects are evaluated based on affordability, accessibility, environmental efficiency and local partnerships. Selection by CMHC is a significant achievement for Misericordia as it validates the community need to add an affordable assisted living housing project to the Misericordia Health Centre campus.

Over the next few months Misericordia will be working with CMHC to finalize plans to develop its proposed project. Construction is expected to start in early 2020.

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