

Scope:

- The heart of the new Red Deer community of care will be a modern continuing care centre surrounded by a wide variety of related services and programs, including:
 - 220 continuing care beds
 - a minimum of 45 seniors' independent living units
 - small complementary retail services
 - Specialized facilities for residents including: a family dining room; multi-purpose auditorium; and secure outdoor recreational areas

Timeline:

Construction is expected to begin this fall and be completed in late 2008.

Partners:

- David Thompson Health Region
- Extendicare
- Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

Benefits:

- The new community of care embodies the DTHR's continuing care vision of supporting seniors in their pursuit of meaningful living.
- A wide range of related programs and services will make the centre feel like a community and the centre's home-like décor will be warm and inviting to residents and families alike.
- The centre will be designed to maximize each resident's independence and enable them to be as social as they wish.
- Further exploration about the possibility of accommodation options and future health services for Michener residents will occur through a joint planning team being established by DTHR, Alberta Infrastructure, and Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

Who is

Extendicare:

- Extendicare was founded in Canada in 1968 and is one of North America's most respected and trusted long-term care providers with 38 years of experience providing quality, resident-focused care.
- Extendicare currently serves nearly 11,000 residents in 78 centres across Canada—13 of which are located in Alberta. Extendicare also provides home care services through its ParaMed Home Health Care services.
- The hallmarks of Extendicare's care philosophy are dignity and respect, which help guide their decisions and interactions with residents and their families.
- Extendicare's care philosophy is closely aligned with the DTHR's continuing care vision of "Supporting the pursuit of meaningful living".
- Extendicare possesses significant experience building and operating continuing care centres through partnership agreements.
- For more information about Extendicare, visit www.paramed.ca, or www.extendicare.com.