



Safe affordable housing for seniors

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This message is to let you know that we will be taking a winter pause on the Ellwood House Extension, starting up again in the spring.

To extend the Ellwood House building, the first step involves considerable work on the City services that go to the St. Thomas campus via the old rectory property. That work will take a few months, and there is not enough time now for us to finish before freeze-up.

CMHC is still in the final stages of reviewing our application for funding and approval of the ground lease. However, the conditional offer it has made us is secure, as is the provincial funding under the Building Faster Fund. Also, the City continues to give us valuable support.

As for the old rectory building, what you see is what you get until spring. The property will be maintained and its security ensured until the spring, when abatement of the hazardous materials and demolition will take place. Then, work on the services can start as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We appreciate your continued support!

The Ellwood House Board of Directors