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Statement from the Regional Chair

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Bondfield Construction Unable to Accelerate Fairview Lodge New Build

Whitby, Ontario – Since the recent fire, the Region of Durham has done everything possible to work with the contractor of the Fairview Lodge new build, Bondfield Construction, to move up the completion date. Bondfield indicated late last week that they are unable to provide a plan to speed up construction.

“Despite our requests, the contractor has not provided a plan to accelerate completion of the new build, which means the earliest possible completion date is February 2015”, says Roger Anderson, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer. “We understand that residents and their families who have been affected by the fire are looking to the new build as a solution. The Region is doing everything possible to make that happen. We have told the contractor very clearly that the completion of this project needs to be sped up, even if that means bringing in more help”, said Anderson.

All outstanding issues between the Region and Bondfield were addressed so that Bondfield’s efforts could be focused on accelerating the completion date. All possible solutions have been explored, including phased occupancy whereby some residents can be moved back into a permanent accommodation at the earliest opportunity. Bondfield has dismissed those suggestions.

“As Chair of the Region, I can’t say enough how disappointed I am at Bondfield’s underwhelming

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response, by their lack of concern, care, or attention to this issue”, said Anderson. “The Region urges Bondfield to reconsider its position, and to think about the 192 residents who have been displaced from their homes.”

Families of Fairview Lodge residents requesting details about their loved ones are asked to call 905-579-3313 or email FairviewFamilyInquiry@durham.ca.

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