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City of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, ON

RE: Schlegel Villages and 11300 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
Files D01-20018 and D02-20033

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Schlegel Villages (SV) in their application to The City of Richmond Hill for development of a Schlegel Village at 11300 Yonge Street. Within the development, will be the first purpose-built Living Classroom partnership between Seneca College and Schlegel Villages.

The Living Classroom program is an excellent example of how Schlegel Villages has partnered with community colleges to deliver tailored, innovative educational programs responsive to community needs. Presently these programs, which include personal support worker and practical nursing education, are delivered onsite at three Schlegel Villages sites (University Gates in Waterloo, Wentworth Heights in Hamilton and Riverside Glen in Guelph), where Conestoga and Mohawk Colleges faculty educate future health care providers with a focus on long-term care. The goals of this program are to increase access to educational programs, enhance capacity for education within long-term care, build skilled workforces, and deliver the highest quality of learning. Since the program first began in 2009, there have been over 1000 students who have graduated. Seneca College is excited to partner in this program and we are looking to expand our capacity to meet the demand for integrated learning in long-term care.

The SV proposal will provide a home to Seniors, be a community hub and campus of care model to support people to live well and longer in their communities. SV vision is to ensure that every resident can experience the best possible quality of life, supported by safe, high-quality care.

We look forward to collaborating with this three-generation family-owned, mission driven organization with a passion for seniors' health, a history of providing excellent care within a social model of living, and an emphasis on research to drive innovation.

Sincerely,

Maria May
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