

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Director for Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH). I appreciate you taking the time to read through this package.


Board members at TCMH have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our community by helping TCMH achieve its mission of *Making Every Day Matter*.

I was a member of the Board in the 1990's, as well as currently. The TCMH Board of Directors has evolved over the years from an operational Board to a governance Board, changing our focus from hands on work to charting direction for the organization.

The part that I find exciting about being a Board member is that our dedication to TCMH's Mission, Vision, and Values remains the same over the years. This is true of the Board and of our staff. TCMH continues to put people first and follow our values of respect, trust, faith, and community. Our leaders are caring, strong, and heartfelt about providing quality care to Seniors and adults with developmental disabilities.

This information package is a good place to start in figuring out who we are as an organization. Please feel free to contact me with questions, or for clarification.

Thank-you again for considering of this opportunity,



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Introduction to Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH)

TCMH is a non-profit charitable organization operating under a charter granted by the Ontario Charitable Institutions Act. Furthermore, TCMH is a designated charitable organization by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and has a registration number to issue charitable donations receipts for income tax. The organization is governed by the Board of Directors, composed of volunteer members from TCMH constituency churches and the public. Directors are selected by the sitting Board of Directors and approved by the voting delegates of the constituency churches at the Annual General Meeting. All sponsoring constituency churches are located in Perth, Oxford, and Waterloo counties – hence Tri-County in TCMH.

TCMH Corporate Services provides supports to the three branches: Aldaview Services, Greenwood Court, and Nithview Community. Corporate Services supports include human resources, accounting and payroll, capital planning and infrastructure maintenance, and IT. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for all operations of the organization and reports directly to the Board of Directors.

ALDAVIEW SERVICES located in New Hamburg, provides supports to Adults with Developmental Disabilities, and is regulated by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS). It provides support for individuals in:

- Group Home residences in New Hamburg and Baden for adults with special needs. In total, 31 individuals receive supports through 7 group homes.
- Supported Independent Living (SIL) in Baden, New Hamburg, and Kitchener for adults requiring fewer supports than Group Home residences. In total, 7 individuals receive supports in the SIL program
- Community Participation Supports connects supported individuals with opportunities in the community, including skills building, employment, education, and therapeutic recreation activities. In total, 50 individuals participate in this program.

GREENWOOD COURT operates as a campus of continuing care, including accommodations for seniors in Independent Living, Retirement, and Long-term Care (LTC). Greenwood Court accommodations are multi-jurisdictional, being covered by the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC), the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (RHRA), and the Residential Tenancies Act. Greenwood Court has 45 LTC beds funded through MLTC, 20 retirement accommodations governed by the RHRA, and 85 Independent Living apartments with rental agreements.

NITHVIEW COMMUNITY also operates as a campus of continuing care with Independent Living, Retirement, and LTC accommodations. Nithview Community is also multi-jurisdictional, providing 97 LTC beds funded through MLTC, 57 retirement accommodations governed by the RHRA, 15 supported living apartments with rental agreements, and 52 Independent Living accommodations with rental agreements. The Independent Living accommodations are made up of 42 apartments and 10 garden homes in the Village at Nithview. The Nithview LTC Expansion project will increase the total number of LTC beds to 160, creating 63 new beds to help support the community. Construction is anticipated to be completed in mid 2027.

General Board Information

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM must be held no later than 6 months after the end of the fiscal year. Each of the sponsoring Mennonite congregations is entitled to send voting delegates, the number of which is based on congregation size as outlined in the TCMH Bylaws. The AGM is open to general members of the public and other participants as non-voting observers. All Board of Director members are expected to attend the AGM and are considered voting delegates for quorum.

Board Composition

The Board of Directors is composed of volunteer members from TCMH constituency churches and volunteer public members. Selection of new members and member participation on the Board of Directors is governed by the TCMH Bylaws.

Board Member Term of Service

Board members are elected for a three (3) year term. The term begins at the AGM and terminates at the AGM three (3) years after commencement. Each Board member is eligible to serve two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

During the term of service, Board members are expected to attend all Board of Director meetings, education sessions, and the AGM. Furthermore, Board members must be willing to volunteer for Committees of the Board and any Ad Hoc committees that might be formed.

Board of Directors Meetings, Committee Meeting, and Education Sessions

The Board of Directors are scheduled to meet approximately nine (9) times a year: six (6) Board of Director meetings, two (2) education sessions, and one (1) AGM. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chair, as required. Committees of the Board will meet approximately four (4) times per year, at the behest of the Committee Chair. Education sessions will be determined by the will of the Board and can occur after a scheduled Board of Directors meeting, as required.

Board of Directors meetings are scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:00pm, and are approximately 2-3 hours in duration. Committee meetings are scheduled at the purview of the Committee Chair.

Tri-County Mennonite Homes
Board Meeting Schedule 2025-2026
Board meetings start at 6 PM



February 18, 2025 - Board Meeting Meditation:

March 18, 2025 – Education Session Meditation:

April 15, 2025 – Board Meeting

May 20, 2025 – Board Meeting

June 17, 2025 – Annual General Meeting

July 15, 2025 – Board Meeting (if required)

September 16, 2025 – Board Meeting

October 21, 2025 – Education Session

November 18, 2025 – Board Meeting

February 17, 2026 – Board Meeting

March 17, 2026 – Education Session

April 21, 2026 – Board Meeting

May 19, 2026 – Board Meeting

June 16, 2026 – Annual General Meeting

July 21, 2026 – Board Meeting (if required)

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Tri-County Mennonite Homes

Our Mission

Making Every Day Matter

Our Vision

Anticipate the needs of seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities and respond with housing, care and supportive services

Challenge and encourage our residents, clients, staff and volunteers to achieve their fullest potential

Be leaders in providing holistic responses to the physical, spiritual, social and emotional needs of our communities

Look at challenges from new angles, respond with curiosity and ingenuity, and implement innovative solutions

Expand all aspects of our services for the broader fulfillment of our mission

Our Values

Compassion: Caring is as important as care.

Respect: Respect is measured by how we treat each other and how we honour the aspirations and choices of each individual.

Trust: We trust each other with both the large and small events of life.

Faith: We demonstrate our Christian faith through our actions.

Stewardship: We are committed to managing responsibly our financial and physical resources, while prioritizing respect for the environment.

Community Minded: Our Mennonite heritage teaches us that, by partnering together, we can achieve more.

April 2, 1972: TCMH, operating as Nithview Home for the Aged, admits its first residents into care

1994: TCMH Board seeks approval to change from children's group homes to adult group homes, shifting all programming to services for adults

2014: Board governance structure is reorganized to include Committees of the Board, designed to handle specific areas of Governance

2021: New Strategic Plan implemented

1984: Aldaview Home rents house on Waterloo Street from the Lions' Club

2005: Aldaview Services builds and opens the Riehl House. Aldaview Services also buys Ritz Ave property

2021: Avon Mennonite Church decides to move, ending the 25-year partnership with TCMH

1989: TCMH Corporate Office is formally opened, and an Executive Director position implemented to lead the organization

2020: Nithview Home is approved for 95 LTC bed expansion.

Tri-County Mennonite Homes is Founded

2018: TCMH 50th Anniversary

1968

1978

1988

1998

2008

2018

2025

1979: TCMH and Church Conference Mission Board open a group home for children with special needs, Aldaview Home. Named in recognition of Alvin and Ada Steinman, Aldaview Home is built on the same property as Nithview

1994: Greenwood Court is built in partnership with Avon Mennonite Church to accommodate a continuum of care in Stratford. The two organization operate independently in one location

2020: COVID-19 Pandemic Declared

1990: Aldaview Home changes name to Aldaview Services and welcomes its first Supported Independent Living individuals

2016: Mission, Vision, and Values are developed, changing from *Leadership in Service* to the current mission statement: *Making Every Day Matter* and Strategic Priorities are developed to guide the operations of TCMH

2024: Work accelerates on design and approvals for LTC Expansion at Nithview. Development Agreement obtained from Government of Ontario in December

2025: Nithview Community LTC Expansion Project Begins (February)

TCMH Historical Timeline



History: Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH)

TCMH has a rich history in the Oxford, Perth, and Waterloo counties. In 1967, the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference appointed a study committee to investigate the possibilities of building a new Home for the Aged and selling its nursing homes located in Tavistock and Milverton. By 1968, delegates had decided to locate the new home in New Hamburg under a completely new charter. Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) was born and today it continues to own and operate Nithview Community, Greenwood Court, both offering a seniors' continuum of care, and Aldaview Services, which offers programs supporting adults with developmental disabilities.

While TCMH has grown significantly over the last 52 years, with many of its expansion projects requiring much perseverance and patience to get underway. The strength of the original vision and the encouragement of its member constituencies provide the required energy for the Board and management to push forward to accomplish its goals.

On April 2, 1972, Nithview Home admitted its first residents and began the journey to its current status as a Continuum of Care Home, providing accommodations and programs to more than 200 residents living in garden homes, apartments, assisted and supported living suites, and long-term care rooms. Over the years, more than 5 major construction projects and renovations have been undertaken, with another on the horizon. In recognition of the variety of programming and accommodations options, Nithview Home and Seniors' Village was renamed Nithview Community.

The Milverton homes, which was slated to be sold at the time Nithview was built, was operated by TCMH until 1994, when TCMH extended an invitation to Milverton's beds to Stratford. Avon Mennonite Church initiated a meeting to inquire whether TCMH might be interested in a joint project, resulting in a partnership between TCMH and the church. When Greenwood Court opened its doors as a continuum of care, the Avon Mennonite Church welcomed its members to a new place of worship at the same location. Avon Mennonite Church and Greenwood Court operated in the same building for over 25 years, with each entity having its own space while sharing an auditorium, community room, and other meeting rooms. The Avon Mennonite Church ended its partnership with Greenwood Court in January 2021.

Discussions between TCMH and the Church Conference Mission Board led to the completion of a group home for children with special needs in 1979. Located on the same site as Nithview Community, this home was named after Alvin and Ada Steinman whose son was supported by the Aldaview home. In 1984, Aldaview rented a house on Waterloo St. in New Hamburg and welcomed 6 new adult residents into that home. Further expansion in 1990 welcomed the first Supported Independent Living (SIL) apartments and the division was rebranded as Aldaview Services.

In 1994, TCMH received approval to change the children's group home to an adult home, making all Aldaview Services operations a program for adults. In 2004, the Lion's Club donated the Waterloo St. home, enabling Aldaview to build a home on Hillcrest Ave. and to purchase the property on Ritz Ave. In December 2009, Aldaview Services rented 332 Hamilton Road to consolidate their offices and day programming, Community Connections Supports, into one location. Aldaview Services maintained the Hamilton Rd. location until May of 2021 when it moved into the former Corporate Services space at 200 Boulelee Street.

In 1989, TCMH developed Corporate Offices and created the Executive Director position, which would later be renamed Chief Executive Officer, to lead the entire organization. Today, Corporate Services operates remotely, except for the CEO who maintains a physical office at 200 Boulelee Street. Corporate Services provides support to all three divisions of TCMH, including human resources, accounting, development, capital expansion, and information technology.

In 2014, the TCMH governance structure was reorganized, with the development of Board Committees. The focus of these committees is to appropriately review various reports and to discuss and discern direction for TCMH. Committee composition includes Board members and additional community members who have experience or interest in specific areas of governance, related to the business of TCMH. These Committees present to the full Board during regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings.

As part of the work of the Committees, the Board approved a new Mission Statement, *Making Every Day Matter*, a Mission, Vision, and Values document, and Strategic Priorities in 2016. The Mission, Vision, and Values statement continues to guide the organization across all three divisions. In 2021, the Board approved a new Strategic Plan, providing the framework for the operationalization of the organization.

Part of TCMH history includes growth and in November 2020, TCMH was approved for another expansion. The Ministry of Long-Term Care granted Nithview Community 63 additional long-term care beds and the retrofit of its existing 97 LTC beds. To assist TCMH reach its expansion targets, the Board has reconvened the Development Committee who will look after fundraising goals. It has also reconvened the Strategic Planning Committee to determine the best path forward for the organization. Strategic planning will continue into 2026, including consultations with the Constituent Churches and other community members.

In December 2024, TCMH received its Development Agreement from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, approving the final design and kicking off the official process to begin construction for the new Nithview LTC home. In January 2025, TCMH was granted approval to construct. With the final pieces of paperwork in place, construction began in February 2025 and is expected to be completed in mid 2027. Once completed, the new LTC home will have 160 beds to better serve the community.