



Haldimand Court Apartments

The three churches in Grafton, St. George's Anglican Church, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and St. Andrew's United Church, operate a low rent, not for profit one story apartment complex for seniors. Haldimand Court is situated north of the Grafton Inn, on a quiet property and is home to 28 seniors. With a property manager, the Haldimand Court Board includes the Clergy and two members from each congregation.

There is a little-known gem that has been in our community of Grafton for close to 40 years now called Haldimand Court Apartments. This building is located on approximately 3 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds.

Registered as a not-for-profit corporation, it was established to provide non-assisted independent living accommodations to senior citizens from Grafton and surrounding areas who are independent. It houses 22 self-contained one bedroom apartments all on one floor. Although there are no assisted living facilities- such as meals – provided, nor medical staff on site, it does contain some common areas such as a sun room and a lounge area, a common washroom, a laundry room, hallways, and utility areas, and each apartment opens to the nicely landscaped court yard.

Its history is an interesting story. It all started back in 1975 when Rev. Leonard Ware was the priest in charge of St. George's Anglican Church. He assumed a leadership role with the clergy and a number of members from his Anglican Church of St. George's, as well as the 2 other local churches of St. Andrew's United, and St. Mary's Catholic Church to discuss the issues that many residents of this area were aging, and that there were no facilities available locally to accommodate these seniors who could no longer, or who no longer wished to remain in their own homes.

These discussions culminated in the formation of a not-for-profit and registered charitable stand-alone corporation that had its Letters Patent Approved by the Government of Ontario on December 14, 1976. Plans then were finalized, a mortgage arranged, and construction of Haldimand Court Apartments was completed circa 1980. By-Laws were adopted and included that Haldimand Court Apartments would be managed by a Board of Directors of 9 members consisting of the presiding clergy person and 2 members from each of St. George's Anglican Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and St. Andrew's United Church. Haldimand Court Apartments have continued to be successfully managed this way for the past close to 40 years.

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