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**OPAL by element Updates**

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**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Vancouver, BC - Element Lifestyle Retirement Inc. (the “Company” or “Element”)** (TSX.V: ELM) and its flagship community ‘OPAL by element’ announces the protocols it has instituted from the onset of the COVID pandemic to keep our residents and staff safe, secure and healthy on an ongoing basis. Opal’s management team, Element Lifestyle Retirement has been working closely with provincial health regulators along with the B.C. Seniors Living Association on a proactive basis to ensure all possible steps are being taken to avoid any Covid-19 cases within our community. The following measures have been taken and will remain in place until provincial health authorities feel it is safe to move forward in reopening our community on a gradual basis.

- Early on Opal mandated that all of our staff work solely for Opal at its King Edward community
- Opal supplemented part-time workers with full-time work
- Opal instituted a shuttle service to pick up staff to and from their homes to avoid transit during Phase 1 and 2 of BC’s Restart Plan
- A digital thermal infrared camera was installed (one of the first in Canadian retirement communities) to detect any elevated body temperatures in staff and residents
- Visitations by non- residents have been restricted
- Staff continues to be supplied with all available PPE safety essentials (face coverings, gloves, sanitizers) and we are and will remain well stocked with PPE’s
- An ongoing sanitizing regimen takes place throughout the community. All essential deliveries are sanitized outside the doors of the community prior to staff accepting them for use

Michael Diao, Element’s Chief Executive Officer states, “we wish to thank and are very grateful to our staff who have adjusted their own personal lives to ensure that our residents and their co-workers remain Covid-free during these challenging times. Element also thanks its residents for their ongoing support they have showed for staff members to help them keep everyone safe. We look forward to the future when it is safe to reopen the community to family members and friends. We know they are missed by their loved ones.”

“It is our desire and endeavor to offer the Opal by element experience and have your lifestyle enhanced while fostering your independence. We look forward to you joining our Opal family”, added Ms. Veronica Da Conceicao, General Manager of Opal by element.

Element also recognizes and appreciates the management of other retirement communities across the province for their efforts and willingness to collaborate with each other to ensure the safety for all of those involved and in general to all health care workers who have led by example to keep us all healthy and well.



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## **About Element Lifestyle Retirement**

Element was established in June 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is in the business of providing specialized development expertise and flexible, innovative management services for senior retirement communities. The core business of Element is the development, management and operation of senior retirement communities. Element aspires to be one of the most respected senior living specialists in North America, and to revolutionize the perception and experience of retirement and aging. Its brand differentiator, setting Element apart from others in the retirement industry, is the integration of two unique models: the "Continuum-of-Lifestyles" and "Intergenerational living", encompassing a smooth, seamless transition for seniors from independence to assisted living to complex care, and programming to actively facilitate connection of residents to their families. The management team of Element, collectively, has over 50 years of experience developing and operating retirement communities.

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### **ELEMENT LIFESTYLE RETIREMENT INC.**

Michael Diao, Chief Executive Officer and Director