



St. Lawrence Lodge Chronology

Background

Originally, opened in 1970, St. Lawrence Lodge is a Long-Term Care Home that overlooks the majestic St. Lawrence River and provides care and support to 224 residents. Serving the citizens of the City of Brockville, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and the separated Towns of Prescott and Gananoque, St. Lawrence Lodge holds high value in striving to be a leader in providing progressive long-term care and continuously adhering to its mission to provide for the physical, social, spiritual and emotional needs of individuals requiring long-term care, in partnership with their families and personal care givers.

In 2003, following an in-depth operational plan study to evaluate compliance with Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Design Standards, the St. Lawrence Lodge Committee of Management resolved to redevelop a new, contemporary 13,829 square metre, \$35.4-million long-term care facility metres away from the existing structure.

The new, modern St. Lawrence Lodge Long Term Care Home opened on April 10, 2006.

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- ☆ May 1967 – First agreement signed by United Counties of Leeds/Grenville, City of Brockville, Town of Prescott, Town of Gananoque to sponsor a municipal Home for the Aged. The Home to accommodate 147 residents – 76 bed care; 34 normal care; 36 special care, 1 psychiatric.
- ☆ June 1968 – Municipalities purchase 6.60 acres of land from Dept of Public Works, located in Township of Elizabethtown, County of Leeds. Total estimated cost of construction = \$2,062,405.
- ☆ December 6, 1968 – Official sod-turning ceremony held
- ☆ February 20, 1968 – construction contract awarded to M. Sullivan and Son, Ltd.
- ☆ January 5, 1970 – R.D. Timleck appointed first Administrator, as of Feb. 2, 1970
- ☆ March 9, 1970 – St. Lawrence Lodge selected as official name of new Home.
- ☆ September 1 -2, 1970 – Hosted Civic Open House
- ☆ September 9, 1970 – first resident admitted - Miss Mary Jane Hawkins (103 years old)
- ☆ November 13, 1970 – Official Opening ceremony
- ☆ March 18, 1974 – Government approves St. Lawrence Lodge request for 100-bed addition. Total project cost \$900,000.

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- ☆ November 18, 1991 - Special Care Unit – 36 beds implemented to assist cognitively impaired residents maintain their highest level of independence in a safe and secure environment.
- ☆ February 2000 – Committee of Management initiates Master Planning and Feasibility Study to determine most effective means of meeting Ministry of Health and Long Term Care “Long Term Care Facility Design Guidelines”.
- ☆ June 26, 2003 – Committee of Management resolves to build a new state-of-the-art 224 bed Long Term Care Home on the existing site.
- ☆ January 2004 – Committee of Management approves design concept for new facility
- ☆ July 19, 2004 - The Committee of Management resolves to award the construction contract for the new, redeveloped St. Lawrence Lodge to Thomas Fuller Construction Company Limited (1958) at a maximum contract price of \$26.4 million
- ☆ September 21, 2004 – Official Ground Breaking Celebration for “new” St. Lawrence Lodge.
- ☆ April 6, 2006 – Start of move from existing building to brand new 224 bed Home.
- ☆ April 10, 2006 – St. Lawrence Lodge takes full occupancy of new building. Resident move completed in one day.
- ☆ May 2006 - Demolition begins on original St. Lawrence Lodge building
- ☆ November 2, 2006 - Final remaining remnants of original building razed.
- ☆ November 25, 2006 - Official Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration