



News Release

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St. Lawrence Lodge Receives Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Approval to Move to New Home

Thursday March 23, 2006 marks an important milestone for St. Lawrence Lodge. After 18 months of construction, the Committee of Management of St. Lawrence Lodge Long Term Care Home is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) has approved their new facility for occupancy and use.

This is an exciting accomplishment for the Lodge and project team, as resident move and occupancy of the Home can only occur after this mandatory Ministry approval. Relocation of residents, staff and equipment from the existing Lodge, located adjacent to the new facility on the same site, can now proceed exactly as planned, during the April 5th to April 10th, 2006 timeframe.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Redevelopment Pre-Occupancy Review Team spent two days auditing all aspects of the facility, including the physical space, environmental support systems, nursing, general operations, and dietetics.

Lee Kirby Leblanc, the team leader for the Ministry's Review Team spoke glowingly of the new facility and wonderful modern spaces within the building, indicating that the Home's project team has obviously been successful in moving forward on this substantial undertaking. Ruth Hildebrand, dietary advisor for the MOHLTC, commented on the huge strides that have been made in the quality and delivery of dietary services in terms of space, equipment and, in particular, staff training that far exceed the standards set by the provincial authorities.

Mr. Mike Kalivas, Chair of the Committee of Management, stated that "this redevelopment project has always been about providing a supportive and comfortable environment for our residents at St. Lawrence Lodge. They deserve the best that we can provide them with and it is rewarding to receive Ministry of Health staff commendations for the design of the space at the new St. Lawrence Lodge."

Tom Harrington, Administrator of the Lodge, was on hand to receive the good news from the Ministry Review Team, and reiterated his support for the Ministry of Health's design guidelines that define such exacting standards towards ensuring the provision of quality space and care for the residents living in long term care homes, such as St. Lawrence Lodge.

Tiree, the Project Management firm hired to oversee the project, is appreciative of everyone's efforts in achieving this milestone approval for the redevelopment project. Sue Lounsbury, Program Manager with Tiree says, "The Ministry of Health has been extremely helpful in providing support throughout the entire redevelopment process, and particularly during this recent very intensive two-day audit." Steve Babb, Project Manager for Tiree adds, "We could not have accomplished this without the commitment and support from Tom Harrington and



the Home's staff. Thomas Fuller Construction, the General Contractors for the project, was also instrumental in achieving this great outcome".

Besides ensuring that move-in activities can proceed as scheduled, the Ministry of Health approval also means the initiation of the release of their funding commitment for the project with the Lodge having met the requirements for completion prior to the established March 31st, 2006 deadline.

The residents, staff, and project team of St. Lawrence Lodge have real cause for celebration and are eager and anxious to move in! Once the residents are comfortable and settled in their new home, demolition of the existing building will commence, followed by landscaping of the picturesque site. The project is scheduled for full completion by October 2006.

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About St. Lawrence Lodge:

St. Lawrence Lodge is a Long Term Care Facility that overlooks the St. Lawrence River in the Brockville region. Operated in partnership with surrounding municipalities and administered by a Committee of Management made up of elected municipal officials appointed by the participating members, St. Lawrence Lodge operates under standards determined by the [Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](#). A Member of the [Ontario Association of Non Profit Homes and Services for Seniors](#), St. Lawrence Lodge's vision is to be a leader in providing progressive long-term care.