



News Release

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St. Lawrence Lodge Resident Move Day Underway

Monday April 10, 2006 marks another important milestone in the history of St. Lawrence Lodge, as the residents living at the Lodge move into their newly-constructed Home for the first time.

The move is being orchestrated by Health Care Relocations (HCR), a professional health care moving company, with headquarters in Peterborough, Ontario. The firm was hired for their expertise and reputation as the premier provider of health facility relocation services in North America. Tom Harrington, Administrator, remarked that "Health Care Relocations impressed us with their full understanding and sensitivity to completing the physical relocation of our fully functioning resident care facility to our new building."

All 224 residents will be moved in one day. R.J. Headon, Project Manager for Health Care Relocations, stated that "Our team is geared up and ready to go. The resident move itself will initiate at 0800 hours on Monday April 10th and is scheduled to be completed at approximately 4:00 pm. We are here to do whatever it takes to assist St. Lawrence Lodge complete a seamless and professional transfer to their new home. Generally speaking, the residents will have breakfast in their existing facility and they will have dinner that evening in their new Home. The St. Lawrence Lodge project team has been great to work with. "

Mr. Mike Kalivas, Chair of the Committee of Management, stated that "Resident move day - April 10th – is certainly one of my most rewarding days personally. The entire project team including the Committee of Management, owner municipalities, Tiree, Stantec and sub-consultants, and Lodge employees have worked tirelessly to make this day a reality for our residents. We wanted to create a care facility that is home-like, timeless in appearance, and facilitates delivery of care for our residents. I think we have successfully accomplished these goals."

Tom Harrington remarked that he is anxious to see the residents' first reaction to their new home. "They have watched intently as the project progressed. They've become more excited and anxious as the move date grows closer. I believe they will experience a better quality of life, since the new St. Lawrence Lodge better recognizes their need for privacy, personal space, dignity, and control. I am very pleased with our new Home. It accomplishes exactly what we set out to do."

From a design and decor level, the new St. Lawrence Lodge consists of seven Resident Home Areas, known as Lodges, comprised of 32 beds each for a total of 224 beds. The Residents' Council decided that each resident home area or Lodge should be named for a native tree to this region, such as Pine, Maple and Oak. Resident room accommodation consists of both private and standard accommodation. Each Lodge also features a dining room, a living room, a quiet room, an activity area, and two spas,



all anchored by a beautifully landscaped interior courtyard. The Home's design also includes features such as noise control, air quality and conditioning, and safety and security systems that are far superior to the ones in the existing facility. The new common areas feature a flexible greeting space, lodge shop, Fireside Lounge, worship center, central therapy room, hair salon, library, and classroom space.

In terms of décor, the interior spaces have warm neutral tones finished with attractive wood accents, with interchangeable items like artwork, signage, upholstery, and furnishings adding colour, warmth, and flare.

"It's an exciting job and to see the excitement of the residents in the existing St. Lawrence Lodge is fun to watch and be around," says Steve Babb, project manager for Tiree, an Ottawa-based company specializing in workplace and facility solutions, facility strategy, accommodation planning, and project management.

Tom Harrington noted that the Home is launching a brand new corporate logo to recognize the move to the "new" St. Lawrence Lodge. The Home worked with local artist Pam Staples to design a "new-look" logo that reflects a more home-like appearance and celebrates the Home's geographic location on the banks of the majestic St. Lawrence River.

He also noted that the Home is in the process of conducting a fundraising campaign to support resident care activities at the Home. This Campaign supports the Lodge's plan to make this new house into a home for current and future residents by funding the equipment, furnishings and fittings not otherwise covered by government sources.

The residents of SLL look forward to welcoming their family, friends and visitors to their new home, having kept keen watch over construction progress for the last two years. And, with the warmer weather coming, residents and family can venture outside to the balconies and beautifully landscaped courtyards for outdoor living and enjoyment accessible off of each of the Resident Lodges.

Sue Lounsbury, Program Manager for Tiree, stated "The residents, staff, and project team of St. Lawrence Lodge have real cause for celebration! It has been a real pleasure for Tiree to be involved in this important local redevelopment project. 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 Home that overlooks the St. Lawrence River in the Brockville region. Operated in partnership by the City of Brockville, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Separated Town of Prescott, the Separated Town of Gananoque 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.