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New Long-Term Care Bed Construction is Building Options for Seniors and Their Families

In Sarnia/Lambton, the concrete is poured, the walls are going up, and every day is one step closer to when the paint can cover the drywall. This excellent news highlights the positive construction progress being made at both the Fiddick's and Vision Nursing Homes.

"Things are on-track" says Heather Martin, CEO of Vision Nursing Home in Sarnia. "We're looking forward to having 36 new and 32 renovated long-term care beds ready for February, 2013".

These beds, along with an additional 36 at Fiddick's Nursing Home in Petrolia, are a part of the Erie St. Clair LHIN's strategy to help provide better access to care for seniors while reducing Alternate Level of Care (ALC) rates in local area hospitals. By reducing ALC rates, patients will have shorter emergency department wait times and hospitals can direct money to the appropriate front-line care.

"Our new beds will give more seniors and their families the care options they deserve" says Mike Fiddick, CEO of Fiddick's Nursing Home. "With an early spring, and hot summer, we're very pleased to say that construction is moving along as planned."

Thanks to the new long-term care beds, residents of Sarnia/Lambton will see greater flexibility in choosing affordable rural or urban accommodations. Both homes offer a wide range of activities and meal options, while also providing personalized care delivered by professional and compassionate staff, including:

- Homemade meals
- Specialized diets and snacks
- Physiotherapy and Foot care
- Laundry service
- Housekeeping
- Hairdressing



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“Long-term care is about living. We promise our residents a happy, safe, and friendly environment. With the investment from the Erie St. Clair LHIN, we’re one step closer to ensuring our promise is kept” says Heather Martin.

Funding for these beds were provided through the ESC LHIN’s Aging at Home Strategy, a program that aims to create more choices for seniors to receive care closer to home.

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About the ESC LHIN

The Erie St. Clair LHIN is a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care agency that plans and pays for health care services totaling a billion dollars a year in our region alone – everything from hospitals to Meals on Wheels.

The Erie St. Clair LHIN strives to make the health care system better by understanding and responding to local needs and by getting services to work together more efficiently. That’s how we’ll all get better health care, while saving money and making the system sustainable for our children and grandchildren.



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