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Council endorses Woodingford Lodge Service Review

Ad hoc committee appointed to guide a review process that will focus on how to deliver a high standard of care while controlling costs

NEWS

Oxford County Council endorsed a service review of Woodingford Lodge today with the approval of a temporary ad hoc committee that will oversee and provide advice during the service review process.

The key focus of the service review will be to study operations at the long-term care facility and assess how health services can be delivered in the most cost-effective way. Long-term care represents one of the County's largest investments.

County councillors appointed to the Woodingford Lodge Service Review Ad Hoc Committee include:

Councillor David Mayberry (*Mayor, Township of South-West Oxford*)

Councillor Sandra Talbot (*Councillor, City of Woodstock*)

Councillor Marion Wearn (*Mayor, Township of Blandford-Blenheim*)

Warden Don McKay (*Mayor, Township of East Zorra-Tavistock*)

Acting Warden Margaret Lupton (*Mayor, Township of Zorra*)

Key staff leading the service review will include CAO Peter Crockett, Corporate Services Director & Treasurer Lynn Buchner, and Woodingford Lodge Corporate Manager Corrie Fransen. A final report for review and deliberation by County Council is expected in June 2013.

QUOTES

"As an Administration, the County recognizes that service reviews in all areas of operation are necessary to ensure that we are providing services that meet our community needs and expectations while representing good value for tax dollars. While the service review of Woodingford Lodge is the first we're undertaking, our drive for greater efficiency and effectiveness means that this will be the first of a systematic review across all operational areas in the future."

- Peter Crockett, CAO, County of Oxford

"Woodingford employees pride themselves on the quality of care we provide. First and foremost, we want Oxford County residents to know with confidence that their family members are receiving the best possible care. We see the service review as an opportunity to highlight how we meet this commitment now, while ensuring we consider all available options to continue providing excellent long-term care alongside the growing pressures and demands of delivering this kind of service."

- Corrie Fransen, Corporate Manager, Woodingford Lodge

QUICK FACTS

- The 2013 operating budget for Woodingford Lodge is \$24.4 million. Woodingford Care is primarily funded by the [Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care](#), with just over one third of its funding (\$8.7 million) coming from municipal taxes paid in Oxford County.
- Senior care is a key area of focus for the Government of Ontario, with the province recently releasing its [Action Plan for Seniors](#) on January 15. For more information visit www.ontario.ca.

BACKGROUND

The County of Oxford's Woodingford Lodge provides compassionate long-term care to 228 residents at sites in Woodstock, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll. Woodingford Lodge first opened its doors in October 1969 and has been committed to providing high-quality care and accommodation ever since. For more information visit www.oxfordcounty.ca/woodingford

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ABOUT OXFORD COUNTY Located in the heart of Southwestern Ontario, Oxford County is set among rolling hills and farmland and boasts a rapidly expanding business sector. The County offers a thriving local arts, culture and culinary community; scenic trails, conservation parks and natural areas; and a choice location at the crossroads of Highways 401 and 403. Oxford County has a population of approximately 106,000 people across eight municipalities that are "growing stronger together" through a partnership-oriented, two-tier governance structure incorporated as the County of Oxford. The regional seat for the County of Oxford is in Woodstock. Visit www.oxfordcounty.ca or follow us at twitter.com/oxfordcounty