

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Marks Construction Completion of the New G. Tackaberry and Family Home**

ATHENS, ON - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is proud to celebrate a major milestone in the redevelopment of long-term care services with the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new G. Tackaberry and Family Home. On Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in Athens, Ontario, the Counties officially marked the completion of construction on the state-of-the-art long-term care home.

The redevelopment project represents the largest capital construction initiative in the history of the United Counties. The new three-storey, six-wing building, which now sits on the grounds of Maple View Landings, will significantly expand long-term care capacity and enhance the quality of life for residents in Leeds and Grenville for decades to come.


John Jordan, Parliamentary Assistant to the Honourable Natalia Kusendova, Minister of Long-Term Care, provided remarks for the occasion, underscoring the importance of the project and the province's dedication to expanding and modernizing long-term care in Ontario.

Dignitaries and special guests joined together for the celebration, including:

- John Jordan, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP for Lanark–Frontenac–Kingston
- Michael Barrett, MP for Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- Steve Clark, MPP for Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
- Herb Scott, Mayor, Township of Athens

The event featured remarks from each dignitary, highlighting the significance of the new home and its impact on the region.

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville extends sincere appreciation to the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Parliamentary Assistant, and MPP Steve Clark for their steady commitment to long-term care in our region. Their continued support, along with that of our federal and municipal partners, reflects a shared dedication to improving the quality of life for our residents.

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## **Quotes**

"The construction completion of the new G. Tackaberry and Family Home in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville marks a significant milestone in our government's plan to protect residents and increase access to world-class health care across the province. Once officially opened, 192 people will have a safe and modern place to call home." – **Parliamentary Assistant John Jordan**

"The new G. Tackaberry and Family Home represents a major investment in the well-being of our seniors and the future of our community. This is a proud moment for Athens and for all of Leeds and Grenville. For years, families have been advocating for more long-term care capacity close to home, and this project delivers exactly that. It is a testament to what can be achieved when all levels of government and community partners work together." – **MP Michael Barrett**

"Today is a historic day in Athens, and I commend the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and everyone involved in this project on the completion of the new G. Tackaberry and Family Home. This is one of five long-term care homes being built or redeveloped in Leeds and Grenville, part of our government's investments to ensure the seniors who built our communities can receive compassionate, high-quality care in modern homes close to their families and friends." – **MPP Steve Clark**

"Maple View Lodge has been a cornerstone of Athens for many years. It has served with compassion, commitment, and exceptional care. Staff have gone above and beyond for families across our region and their work has shaped the community's trust in long term care and created a legacy of dignity and respect for seniors. The new G. Tackaberry and Family Home will carry that legacy forward for generations to come. It will strengthen our ability to meet the growing and changing needs of residents and ensure that Leeds and Grenville continues to lead the way in senior care." – **Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke**

"I want to say how proud I am of Athens today. Proud of our staff, the commitment of our partners, and the strength of this community. When we believe in something here, we don't let go. We keep at it. And that spirit is what brought us to this moment." – **Mayor Herb Scott**

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