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Athens Long-Term Care Facility Redevelopment Design Revealed

ATHENS - Maple View Lodge's major redevelopment plan revealed today includes details of the new building's location, outdoor focal points, serene gardens and community gathering spaces.

Construction of the new three-story, 192-bed building will replace the existing 60-bed facility. The project is set to begin this summer with a completion date of 2024.

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, and Athens Mayor Herb Scott, who is chair of the lodge's Committee of Management, were joined by elected officials and staff at the Joshua Bates Centre to see Maple View Lodge's design unveiled.

"I'm proud to support this redevelopment for Maple View Lodge to support an age-friendly community here in Athens, where seniors can age in place even as their health needs evolve," Minister Clark said.

"Our government will continue to build up our long-term care facilities, while continuing to support a complete community where people of all ages can live and thrive," he added. The province has contributed an estimated \$43-million to the redevelopment.

"I welcome the announcement and wish to thank all who have worked so hard to get Maple View lodge redevelopment to where it is today," said Mayor Scott.

"This project is important to ensure our seniors can remain in the Counties and receive quality care in a world-class facility," he said.

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Warden Haley announced the next big step in the development process with the tender documents officially released today, to begin the construction phase. He encouraged local subcontractors to connect with the four prequalified General Contractors; 10479616 Canada Ltd. o/a HEIN, Frecon Construction Ltd., McDonald Brothers Construction, and M. Sullivan & Son Ltd.

"This is a great project for the residents of the United Counties and for our businesses, especially those in the construction and medical supply sectors," Warden Haley said. "I hope over the coming months excitement regarding this redevelopment will continue to build. The Counties has put together a great team of professionals to support this project and we look forward to partnering with the successful general contractor to bring this project to completion," he said.

The goal is to have residents comfortably in their new home during the summer of 2024.

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