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Ontario's Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP Clark Welcomed to Maple View Lodge

This week, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville were honored to host Ontario's Minister of Long-Term Care, the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, and Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MPP, Steve Clark, for an in-depth tour of Maple View Lodge in Athens. The visit provided an opportunity for the Minister and MPP to engage directly with the beloved residents and dedicated staff of the long-term care home.

Mayor of Athens, Herb Scott, thanked the group for coming and shared a story of the home's rich history and place within the community. "Thank you very much for coming, we would be happy to have you back any time you would like", said Scott. The Mayor also shared his excitement for the opening of the G. Tackaberry and Family Long-Term Care home next summer which will feature 192 beds in a state of the art facility next door to Maplevue Lodge.

During their visit, Minister Kusendova-Bashta and MPP Clark took the time out of the visit to speak with both residents and staff, learning of the facilities history, and gaining insight into the daily experiences of those who call Maple View Lodge home. These interactions emphasized the importance of personalizing care in long-term care facilities and the vital role these amenities play in our communities.

"This week, I had the privilege of touring Maple View Lodge in Athens," said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care. "I was impressed by the unique programs offered here that are making such a difference in the lives of residents. Our government will continue to work with municipal partners like the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville so that seniors can access the care they need and deserve."

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is deeply appreciative of the Minister and MPP Clark's commitment to understanding the unique needs of our long-term care community. Their visit highlights the government's dedication to improving the quality of life for our seniors and ensuring that facilities like Maple View Lodge continue to thrive.

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"I want to thank Minister Kusendova-Bashta for taking the time to visit Maple View Lodge to meet with residents, the amazing staff, and members of Counties council," emphasized MPP Clark.

"Our seniors built our communities and I'm proud our government is investing in projects like the expansion of Maple View Lodge to ensure they have the compassionate care and quality of life they deserve."

"We are grateful to Minister Kusendova-Bashta and MPP Clark for taking the time to visit Maple View Lodge and for their ongoing support of long-term care in our region," added Nancy Peckford, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. "The enthusiasm and deep caring that they demonstrated for staff and residents at Mapleview Lodge speaks to their commitment to ensuring that our seniors receive the best care possible."

Maple View Lodge has been a cornerstone of the Athens community for many years, providing compassionate and high-quality care to its residents. The staff's unwavering dedication, coupled with ongoing support from government leaders, ensures that the Lodge remains a place where seniors can live with dignity and respect.

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