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Message from the Board of Directors:

Shoreham Village Building Renewal Announcement

Shoreham Village is a one story, wood framed building originally built in 1975 with a gross area of approx. 44,533 sq. ft. (37,737 sq. ft. at level 1 and 6,796 sq. ft. in the basement). The building contains 89 resident beds with a mix of single and double occupancy units (21 in single units and 68 in double units), one respite care bed and one Palliative Care suite. The layout comprises 5 resident wings, each containing approximately 18 beds and a very modest living and dining area.

For over a decade, we have been challenged with a number of significant infrastructure issues. The building design no longer meets the current standards for long term care. This fact was highlighted during the first wave of the pandemic as we worked hard to keep COVID-19 from entering our building. Our staff worked hard to overcome some of the building issues to ensure residents' safety and comfort. We have made some significant progress on our building over the last several years however there is much more to do.

We have been working with government for almost a decade to discuss a renewal plan for our building and on January 28, 2021, government announced a significant investment in

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COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Update

Shoreham is happy to announce that two successful COVID-19 vaccination clinics were held on February 24th and 26th.

The first clinic held on February 24th focused on our residents. Dr. Lesley Whynot and Shoreham nursing staff vaccinated a total of 80 out of 82 residents giving us a 98% of overall resident vaccination status. All residents received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

The second clinic held on February 26th focused on our active Designated Care Givers. Once again, all participants in this clinic received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to Dr. Whynot, onsite assisting with vaccinations were Chelsea Caldwell, registered pharmacist with Lawton's, and Dr. Shelly McNeil who is one of the leading infectious disease specialist in the province. A total of 79 out of 95 active DCGs were vaccinated at the clinic, giving us a 83 percentile of vaccination.

Over the past month, Shoreham staff have been able to access the vaccine through NSH clinics, as well as the Shoreham clinic held on the 26th of February.





Building Improvement Updates

Resident Room Update

Specifications have been completed for this project and went out to tender by invitation only on February 25, 2021. This project is funded by Department of Health and Wellness. Project will include: new resident rooms doors, new bathroom doors with some doors being enlarged, new light fixtures, mill work(new counters and drawers), painting, new flooring, and installation of grab bars in resident washrooms. Once quotes have been obtained a decision will be made on how we proceed from there.

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Replacement of A, B & D Wing Kitchenettes:

This project has been expanded to include B Wing Kitchenette. Schedule for project for completion is with a goal of March 31, 2021. This project is funded by the Department of Health and Wellness. Kitchen cabinets will be replaced and installation of two new sinks in each kitchenette along with a work station for staff.

Exterior Project

Remaining work including some painting, installation of new rain gutters and minor repairs to be completed when weather improves. Schedule for completion is April 30, 2021.

Additional Updates:

With support of Department of Health and Wellness some additional equipment has been purchased and/or ordered including a new auto-scrubber, replacement of privacy drapes, steam cleaner and two large wet vacuums. As well, soiled laundry carts with foot pedals, an additional housekeeping cart and portable equipment used to complete residents' assessments including blood pressure, temperature, and oxygen levels. Locked cabinets for medication storage, which all have been installed in residents rooms. Three additional ceiling lifts, which will be installed on C Wing, completion date for this project is May 30, 2021.

Message from the Board of Directors Continued

Shoreham Village! We are currently working with government to determine what form the investment will come in for the building: a significant renovation adding a new wing to the facility and significant upgrades to systems such as ventilation or if a full replacement of the building is required.

We understand the strong interest in our community about this long awaited announcement. We will keep our residents, families and our community informed as this exciting initiative gets underway and begins to move forward.

This investment in our building will further enhance our ability to care for our residents in a building that reflects the dignity and respect they deserve.

Electronic Medication Administration Record (EMAR)

Shoreham continues to move to a full electronic health record and our latest addition to this is EMAR. This program is part of Point Click Care which we are using already for documenting on our resident files. This was started mid November 2020, in partnership with Lawtons, and we are now fully transitioned to this new application. The supervisors are now documenting the medication administration on lap tops attached to their med carts.

This system allows us to have further safety flags to reduce medication errors and missed doses. This in turn means positive things for our residents. This was a significant procedure



change for the staff, and like anything new, we are all learning. The staff have once again stepped up and done an amazing job with adapting to the new technology for this to be successful.

NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH (NSH) RAPID RESEARCH REVIEW



We are excited to announce that we have partnered with NSH to conduct a Rapid Research Review of Impact and Redesign of Services. With increasing pressures in longterm care in general, and the added layer of a pandemic environment, creative ways of delivering best practices and safe, quality care have never been more important to examine. The purpose of this review will be to understand and show Shoreham Village's success in taking up its current model of quality improvement in partnership with Northwood. This research project will help reveal successful impacts within our own community, and support the continuing care community at large. Stay tuned for further updates as this project continues!



Scorecard Highlights Shoreham Village Third Quarter Scorecard Results

Occupancy Rate

The occupancy rate was lower than the same timeframe of 2020. Shoreham was designated to treat residents on site should there be a COVID outbreak. A COVID unit was created and beds were kept vacant to ensure there was an area available to separate any residents who became positive for COVID. This has not been necessary at this point.

Incidents

The overall incident rate has remained consistent from the same timeframe of 2020. It was noted that the number of falls and responsive behaviours decreased significantly during the time when strict COVID restrictions were in place (April to December). This could be the result of reduced resident movement and interaction with others including residents and visitors. Shoreham has continued to promote family



engagement within the Public Health directives knowing the importance of family and resident connections.

Infections

The infection rate decreased significantly as well over the past year. Respiratory infections remained similar, between 3 and 5 per quarter since October 2020. There were no influenza outbreaks during this timeframe and the precautions taken to prevent COVID would affect viral transmission.

Hand Hygiene

The hand hygiene remain above target. There is ongoing education and auditing.

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