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## ***RENOVATION IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH HURON HOSPITAL***

**Exeter, ON** – South Huron Hospital Association (SHHA) will be undergoing three renovation projects in the upcoming weeks; improvements to the kitchen area, front entrance/lobby area redesign and improvements to the Inpatient Nursing Station.

Improvements to the kitchen area will include tearing out and replacing the existing kitchen floor as well as improvements to the overall workspace. SHHA was successful in securing one time exceptional circumstances under the Government's Health Infrastructure Fund (HIRF) in the amount of \$41,000 for this project. The HIRF provides funds to supplement a hospital's existing capital renewal program and help address renewal needs on a priority basis.

The front entrance/lobby area redesign is as a result of the need to:

- improve accessibility
- create a dedicated waiting area for emergency patients
- improve privacy and confidentiality
- streamline circulation and flow
- accessible public washroom
- improve infection control

In addition, it was identified that the inpatient nursing station also required modifications to improve access, improve confidentiality and to eliminate congestion in the area.

SHHA is extremely fortunate to receive funding for both projects from the South Huron Hospital Foundation (SHHF) in the amount of \$239,000. Without their assistance, neither project could move ahead.



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“As always, SHHA appreciates the ongoing and unwavering financial support of the Foundation towards Hospital projects and equipment,” stated Todd Stepanuik, SHHA President & CEO.

"The South Huron Hospital continues to remain our key priority and we are committed to providing the necessary resources as identified by the hospital", says Pat O'Rourke, Board Chair-South Huron Hospital Foundation. "We are pleased that this work is moving ahead and we are confident it will improve both our patient and visitor experience here at SHHA. The safety and quality of the work-space used intensively by staff and in this case particularly, our extraordinary nursing staff, is an integral aspect of a positive work environment, and we are happy to be a part of this important project."

The renovations will facilitate patient flow and provide an improved and ergonomic work space for medical and non-medical staff and also meets accessibility, infection control and confidentiality standards.

“Staff appreciates the opportunity provided by SHHF to renovate the inpatient nursing station, which will improve access, improve confidentiality and eliminate congestion in the area. We will remain fully operational with our bed capacity and will ensure that patient’s needs remain our highest priority throughout the construction,” added Gina Taylor, SHHA Interim Chief Nursing Executive.

The safety and privacy of our staff, patients, visitors and volunteers is our utmost priority. Entrances will be maintained at all times with no effect on regular patient flow and access.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate everyone’s patience as we work to improve these important areas of SHHA.

“SHHA is very pleased to receive these funds to assist with the renovations. While we recognize the renovations are an inconvenience, our efforts to provide exemplary care will not be diminished in any way,” said Todd Stepanuik, SHHA President & CEO.