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## ***MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH HURON HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION***

The South Huron Hospital Association (SHHA) family wish to thank the Community for their understanding and patience during the recent essential upgrades to heating, domestic hot and cold water, electrical, lighting, and air conditioning systems feeding primarily the clinical areas of the hospital. The funds (in excess of 1 million dollars) required to complete this work were obtained through successful grant applications to different provincial funding sources.

“SHHA is very fortunate and appreciative of the opportunity to address several high priority facility needs. We are grateful for the Ministry and South West Local Health Integration Network’s (LHIN’s) support and investments” stated Jennifer Peckitt, Site Director/CNE.

The work has been extensive and is now nearing completion with Saturday March 24, 2018 representing a huge milestone in the electrical project, in particular. On this day, SHHA continued to operate under significantly reduced lighting and power while new electrical services were tied into the hospital system. Staff, Auxiliary Volunteers, and Leaders planned diligently for this shutdown so that the care and safety of our Patients would not be impacted on the day of construction.

SHHA’s Diagnostic Imaging Department has also been under construction for the past several months with one of the two Xray rooms being replaced. This work is possible through the generous support of our community and the funds raised by the South Huron Hospital Foundation.

“The new static and portable Xray equipment is state of the art with wireless digital image transfer capability speeding up the process of imaging Patients while ensuring safety for Patients and Staff alike via minimal exposure characteristics,” explained Bill Brintnell, Director of Diagnostics and Operations.

In closing, SHHA wishes to thank the community for their understanding during our construction and for their generosity in supporting the replacement of one of our Xray rooms.