

Media Release

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Subject: RRHS - TDMH TCU Transition

Tillsonburg, ON – The Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) of Rural Roads Health Services (RRHS) Transitional Care Unit (TCU) opened on April 1, 2025, as a temporary, 12-bed unit for patients awaiting their next care destination whether that be Long-Term Care (LTC), Retirement Homes, or a return home with appropriate community support. Since opening, the unit had experienced many positive patient outcomes with successful transitions. RRHS is grateful for the funding from the Ministry of Health since early 2025 that allowed this hospital unit to function. More specifically, \$1,648,718 was invested in fiscal year 2025-26 and up to \$824,359 was committed for fiscal year 2026-27.

“I want to commend Rural Roads Health Services for making this thoughtful and responsible decision as the temporary 12-bed transitional care unit comes to an end,” said Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford.

“With a new long-term care home opening in Tillsonburg, this transition ensures that health care resources continue to be used where they are needed most. I appreciate the leadership of the RRHS team and their ongoing commitment to providing quality care for residents in our community.”

The agreement between Ontario Health West and the hospital leadership team upon opening of the unit was to fully ramp down the TCU beds as hospital access and flow operational efficiencies were achieved, as the Hospital to Home (H2H) ([Announcing The New ‘Hospital To Home’ Program – Rural Roads Health Services](#)) program gained success at RRHS, and new LTC bed capacity was available locally.

The opening of the new LTC home in Tillsonburg, namely, peopleCare Tillsonburg, provides the anticipated increased community capacity required to transition patients’ safely. RRHS will work closely with health care partners to ensure safe transfer of each patient during this transition period.

Over the coming weeks, the RRHS leadership team plans to redistribute all remaining funded acute medical-surgical inpatient beds across all available patient care units (including the unit that housed the TCU) to create more private and semi-private patient rooms.

“We are very grateful for the funding and support to operate the temporary Transitional Care Unit at TDMH. Our teams have provided exceptional care to patients in the unit. We look forward to collaborating with our health care partners to ensure safe transitions of patients during this time”, Nadia Facca, RRHS CEO/President.



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