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Erie Shores HealthCare Assumes Responsibility for Vital Nursing Station on Pelee Island

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PELEE ISLAND – Erie Shores HealthCare is excited to announce the expansion of services on Pelee Island, starting November 8th, 2023, and continuing throughout the winter. This development reinforces the hospital's unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of Pelee Island's unique and vibrant community.

The Windsor-Essex Mobile Medical Support team will be on Pelee Island one day per week, commencing November 8th, 2023, and continuing through December 12th, 2023. They will offer a wide range of medical services, including COVID-19 and flu vaccinations, cancer screenings, and health assessments. Starting November 13th, Pelee Island Nursing Station will be staffed by a dedicated nurse who is a resident of Pelee Island three days a week. This increased local presence ensures that residents and visitors have access to quality healthcare services right on the island.

This interim plan is a proactive first step while work continues in partnership with Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health, with more to come on a comprehensive care model for Pelee Island in the spring.

Kristin Kennedy, CEO of Erie Shores HealthCare, expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "The Pelee Island nursing station holds a special place in our healthcare network, and we are deeply committed to providing the residents of Pelee Island with convenient access to quality healthcare services. Our team is prepared to serve this unique and vibrant community, building upon the exceptional work done by the VON."

Chatham-Kent Leamington MPP Trevor Jones expressed his support, stating, "I commend Erie Shores HealthCare for their dedication to improving healthcare services in our region. Pelee Island plays a vital role in our community, and this transition ensures that island residents will continue to have access to healthcare that meets their needs."

Pelee Island Mayor Cathy Miller expressed her gratitude, saying, "The Pelee Island community is grateful for Erie Shores HealthCare's commitment to providing excellent healthcare services. We

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would also like to thank the provincial government for the quick resolution and our community for their patience over the last few weeks. We look forward to working closely with Erie Shores to ensure our residents receive the care they deserve."

Erie Shores HealthCare is excited about this new chapter in serving Pelee Island. We are confident these expanded services will enhance the island's healthcare capabilities, ensuring a healthier and more vibrant future for all residents and visitors.

ABOUT ERIE SHORES HEALTHCARE

Erie Shores HealthCare, located in Leamington, Ontario, cares for the residents of Essex County. With over 500 staff, Professional Staff and volunteers, Erie Shores provides an array of specialized acute, complex continuing care, allied and ambulatory care services. For more information about Erie Shores HealthCare, visit www.erieshoreshealthcare.ca or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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