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Renovations under way in Northumberland Hills Hospital's Main Street Bistro

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – Renovations to the NHH Bistro's prep kitchen and serving area began on Monday, January 19.

From January 19 through to January 25, work will focus in the back of the serving area, during which time the service in the front of the popular Bistro will remain unchanged.

As the renovation progresses, the customer-facing section of the Bistro serving area will also be under construction. During this second phase of the project—currently estimated to start around January 26—the hospital plans to set up a temporary station in the kiosk to the east of the seating area, to minimize the disruption and maintain service.

Says Bev Adamson, Northumberland Hills Hospital's Director of Support Services, "While, for a short period, our menu will not be as extensive as that usually offered in the Main Street Bistro, we will continue to offer our staff and community patrons coffee break items, soups, a choice of hot entrees, and a variety of sandwiches and salads throughout the renovation. As always, desserts, coffee, tea, and cold beverages will be available. The Bistro seating area will remain open throughout this project and there will be no impact on food service for our in-patients."

The renovations will cost approximately \$200,000 and are expected to be complete by mid-March. Half of the funds for the project have been supplied by the province's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF); the balance will be funded by the hospital. Added Bev Adamson: "The work now underway will correct current deficiencies in the amount of counter space, sinks, refrigeration, and storage space required to prepare food safely, while at the same time provide a less congested and safer working environment for the hospital's food services staff. Infection control issues related to the Bistro's current serving counter will be eliminated, and customers will enjoy improved traffic flow and enhanced accessibility for those with a disability."

With total seating for 68, including another 17 in the Rotary Courtyard during the summer months, many customers make use of the Bistro each year. The number of patrons varies with the day of the week and the time of the year. On average, the Bistro serves approximately 30 breakfasts, 150 lunches and 50 dinners as well as a high volume of smaller, snack-type purchases (muffins, etc.).

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto. The 137-bed acute care hospital delivers a broad range of services, including emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, complex/long-term care, rehabilitation, palliative care and obstetrical care. A variety of ambulatory care clinics are also offered at NHH. In addition to these, NHH also sponsors a Community Mental Health Centre and an Assertive Community Treatment Team. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs close to 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East LHIN. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.