



## **Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party Newsletter – Mar. 2026**

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

### **1. Lodge Initiative – Strategic Review and Strategic Plan**



Working with an external consultant firm (Centre for Organizational Effectiveness, in London), our strategic planning efforts are in full swing to establish our Lodge “roadmap” for the coming years.

Meetings have taken place with staff (Jan. 29, Feb. 2), residents (Jan. 26) and families (Feb. 4) to elicit feedback in the development of The Lodge Strategic Plan. For those who could not attend a meeting, an on-line survey was made available during the period February 10, 2026 to February 27, 2026.

This strategic plan initiative is expected to conclude in late March/early April with the publication of The Lodge’s strategic plan document.

### **2. Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC)**



A reminder to family members/visitors to refrain from visiting if feeling unwell, in order to avoid any spreading of respiratory/enteric illnesses (e.g., colds/flu) to Lodge residents.

As at February 20, 2026, there were 15 long term care homes/retirement homes/hospital sites in Outbreak in the Middlesex/London area.

And, please remember to sanitize your hands well when visiting (sanitizer is maintained at the entrance, and in each resident room).

### **3. Next Lodge Family Council Meeting**



This group of involved and caring friends and family members meets on a regular basis to share information and discuss common issues. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March. 19, 2026, at 1:00pm, in the Chapel.

All family/friends of residents of Strathmere Lodge are welcome to attend. No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact Kristie Ouellette, Resident and Family Liaison (519-245-2520, ext. 6223, or [kouellette@middlesex.ca](mailto:kouellette@middlesex.ca)).

Minutes of the most recent Family Council meeting are posted on the family information board in the Rose Room (near the Chapel), and previous minutes are available for review at our Reception desk.

### **4. Labelling of Residents' Clothing**



To prevent missing clothing ... This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident's name before a resident begins to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes/slippers and personal blankets/throws). Please ensure that you use the Clothing Bin near the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling, after inventorying the clothing items on the form provided at the bin (further instructions are provided at the clothing bin). Note that, if clothing enters our laundry system without first having a resident's name affixed, it may not be possible to trace unlabelled clothing back to the applicable resident.

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact Jeff Turnbull, Lodge Environmental Services Manager, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6244 (or, via email: [jturnbull@middlesex.ca](mailto:jturnbull@middlesex.ca)).

## 5. Labelling of Other Personal Resident Items



Apart from clothes labelling noted above, residents/families are encouraged to label other personal resident effects (including new items brought to The Lodge from time-to-time), notably items that are more portable in nature, such as TV remote controls.

## 6. In Conclusion ....



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact Brent Kerwin, Administrator, 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via email at: [bkerwin@middlesex.ca](mailto:bkerwin@middlesex.ca)).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our web page: <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>.

Hardcopies of our newsletter are also maintained at our Public Information Board near Reception. Copies of older newsletter editions are compiled in binders at our Reception Desk, and are available for your review.

*Brent Kerwin*, Administrator