

## Media Release

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**September 7, 2021    Infrastructure Development: East Ferris Medical Centre    East Ferris, ON**

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The Municipality of East Ferris held a sod turning event today to celebrate the beginning of construction on the recently approved Centre Médical East Ferris Medical Centre.

“The Municipality is delighted to announce the launch of Centre Médical - East Ferris - Medical Centre,” declared Mayor Pauline Rochefort. The Centre, located in a new building under construction at the corners of Astorville, Big Moose and Corbeil Roads, will be home to Doc on the Lake Clinic and in partnership with the Powassan and Area Family Health Team. “Maintaining and enhancing health services right here in our community is a priority of this Council. The new Centre will ensure that East Ferris residents can continue to access the excellent services of Dr. Seguin. With time the Medical Centre will see the addition of new health services and practitioners,” adds Rochefort.

The 5,335 square foot medical centre will be located at 649 Astorville Road where the former Lucky 13 Astorville location was situated. This development will allow East Ferris to attract and retain medical and well-being services and ensure that the community has a permanent home to accommodate professionals. East Ferris CAO, Jason Trottier stated “It’s great to see this project come to fruition. This modern, fully accessible facility has been designed as 3 separate units. The medical clinic is the main tenant with the additional two units being built to accommodate a pharmacy and a chiropractor clinic.”

Dr. John Seguin of Doc on the Lake will be relocating his current practice to this location where he will continue to serve his existing patients. The clinic can accommodate up to 4 physicians, though the current goal is to house 2 physicians and partner with the Powassan and Area Family Health Team and other providers for allied health services.

Dr. John Seguin said of the development, “I am honoured to be part of this new clinic. It has been a priority of mine to work with the Municipality to see a medical clinic built in our community. This facility will enable East Ferris to attract and retain physicians as well as other medical and well-being professionals. At the end of the day, I’m very proud of our community and this new clinic as it will allow East Ferris residents to have access to medical care within their community when I retire.”

Financing for this project is in place and Council has approved of the purchase of the land and facility from local contractor Degagne & Lefebvre Building Group. The facility was designed by architect Brian Bertrand of Bertrand Wheeler Architecture Inc.

The medical centre is expected to be completed by March 2022.

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