



# Report of the President & CEO to the Board of Directors

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## The City of Windsor's Best Kept Secret... No More

The currently named Tayfour Campus located on Prince Road began in 1910 to care for patients with tuberculosis. The proprietors of the hospital were the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (I.O.D.E.) whose Border City Chapter raised the original funding. Major expansion over the decades included the Annie R. Braid Building in 1923, the Harriet McGregor Building in 1929, the Alice F. Casgrain Building in 1939, the Osmond Building in 1966, the Community Psychiatric Building in 1968 and the Tower Building in 1971.

Windsor Regional Children's Centre was established in 1971, relocating to the new George A. Huot Building in 1995. Malden Park Continuing Care Centre opened in 1995 as a replacement facility for Riverview Hospital. In addition, at the Campus, during the mid-2000's we designed, constructed and opened the Withdrawal Management Centre.

A few years ago we started what was termed back then the Western Redevelopment Project.

It was a massive undertaking. It would require the construction of a new Specialized Mental Health Hospital, the complete renovation of the Tower Building and upgrades to the Malden Park Building. During the project itself, the opportunity to build a new Family Learning Place, gym and pool was seized and acted upon.

The Tayfour Campus is located on approximately 30 acres. A couple of years ago, the Campus was named after the highly respected local Physician Dr. Fouad Tayfour and his family. His career in Windsor began at that Campus and has flourished ever since. I could not think of a more deserving individual to have the Campus named after.

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Now, through major construction at the Tayfour Campus, the new Toldo Neurobehavioural Institute, a 65-bed Mental Health Hospital has been built, and the Dr. Fouad Tayfour Regional Rehabilitation Centre with 60 beds opened this past month. We are increasing the Complex Continuing Care capacity to 190 in the next couple of months to an eventual 196 beds and we have moved into the W.E. Care for Kids House this past month as well.

All of this construction was done under budget, in advance of schedule and with no change orders to speak of. Priceless! At the same time of this renovation and expansion, the Regional Children's Centre and Glengarda Child and Family Services amalgamated their operations to provide a more seamless journey for our children and families.

It is a gem of a Campus. The John Tregaskiss Family Healing Garden in the middle of the Campus is accessible to everyone at the Campus, our community as a whole and our neighbours and partners in healthcare, the John McGivney Children's Centre.

Through the leadership of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation and our community, the fundraising targets were achieved. The honorary Chair of the *Cornerstone of Caring Campaign*, Ted Farron, has to be personally thanked by all of us for the hours and hours of his own personal time spent on advocating for the necessary donations to support our local share of the construction. Adrianna Spidalieri joined Ted Farron and has grown up before our eyes as the young red headed girl that evidenced that this Campus is for not only our generation but for generations to come.

I want to thank the staff members at the Tayfour Campus that moved back and forth through the tunnel as we prepared for the renovation and construction. They did so without complaints recognizing that at the end of the day there would be a great result that would benefit those we serve and who we are all ultimately responsible to – our community.

I want to thank the Board of Directors of Windsor Regional Hospital and the Facilities Team at the hospital for their leadership and stewardship of this project. The amount of time spent on the day-to-day construction activities goes largely unnoticed and is taken for granted. It is generally not until something does not work that they are noticed. They need to be recognized now for the amazing work they did in advance, during and now at the end of this project.



This month there will be more celebrations at the Tayfour Campus as we officially conclude the *Cornerstone of Caring Campaign* and officially open the Campus for our community to enjoy. It is no longer a secret.

Please enjoy the video at the following link celebrating our Tayfour Campus.

[http://www.wrh.on.ca/Site\\_Published/wrh\\_internet/windsorregionalnonav.aspx?Body.QueryId.Id=49903](http://www.wrh.on.ca/Site_Published/wrh_internet/windsorregionalnonav.aspx?Body.QueryId.Id=49903)

