

# Continuing Care Strategy



*Living well in a place you can call home.*

## Replacing Long-term Care Facilities

Across the province there are a number of long-term care facilities that are getting older. To ensure that residents continue to live in a safe environment where they can enjoy a high quality of life, the province is beginning to replace these facilities.

By 2010, 721 beds at nine continuing care facilities will be replaced. This is in addition to the 832 new long-term care beds that will be built by 2010.

## The Selection Process

Some long-term care facilities in Nova Scotia need renovations while others need to be replaced in order to continue to provide high quality care to their residents.

To decide which facilities to replace the province:

- Used industry standards as guidelines and assessed each facility to determine:
  - the age of the parts of the building (electrical, mechanical, structural)
  - how much longer the various parts would last
  - how much it would cost to replace the parts
- This information was analyzed in combination with information about the:
  - age of the building
  - functionality of the building
  - square footage per resident
  - conformity to current building design standards
  - history of issues and concerns with the building

## The Facilities

Announcements about which facilities are being replaced will be made in communities across the province in the first weeks of February 2007.

## Moving Forward

As part of the Continuing Care Strategy, more facilities will be identified for replacement between the years 2011-2015.