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Luxury waterfront condo project begins exterior improvements

Sarnia, ON (*July 12, 2007*) – It will be business as usual for visitors to First Sarnia Place tenants and the popular *On the Front Restaurant and Lounge* in the city's downtown, even as the tower's luxury waterfront condominium project begins extensive exterior improvements later this month.

In upcoming weeks, restaurant patrons and visitors to First Sarnia Place professional and commercial offices will be directed to a temporary entrance along the north side of the tower. The main entrance will remain closed for a portion of the summer, as crews from Bill Hoekstra General Contracting, of Sarnia, construct a two-story glass vestibule and complete upgrades to the tower's exterior entrance deck and walkways.

Meanwhile, interior renovations are continuing to transform seven floors of commercial office space into 38 luxury condominiums, each with a view of the St. Clair River. A variety of specialty firms from across Southwestern Ontario, including GSL-Gil and Sons, Twins Drywall & Acoustics, Linde Plumbing, Braam's Custom Cabinets, Forest City Fire Protection and Fabbri Tile & Carpet, are involved in the inside component of the project, which began this past spring.

Seaway Centre Sarnia spokesperson John G. Gilvesy, P. Eng, said the exterior work has been specifically designed to complement and enhance the stately appearance of the waterfront landmark.

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“The exterior improvements will be very much in keeping with the high standards of quality that people have observed in our model suite, as well as in the other aspects of our interior renovations,” Gilvesy said.

While the model suite will be closed temporarily during a portion of the summer to accommodate window and fixture installations, a ground floor sales office will be open for condominium enquiries. As well, appointments can still be made with Mel Inch, the project’s sales representative, by calling 519-337-0010.

In the midst of welcoming regular and new patrons, the top floor’s *On the Front Restaurant and Lounge* is also involved in its own quality improvements, noted owner Debbie Renaud-McDermott.

“Welcoming Chef Mark Kilner back to his hometown and providing him with expanded kitchen facilities is allowing us to create an unparalleled dining experience to complement our spectacular view of the waterfront and Sarnia-Port Huron skylines, said Renaud-McDermott.

Prior to returning to Sarnia, Kilner refined his culinary skills during a seven-year term of service at a luxury resort restaurant, in Ireland. He also served at Prince Edward Island’s renowned Inn of Bay Fortune during the production of *The Inn Chef* television program, featuring celebrity chef and author Michael Smith.

“With Mark’s international flair and Down East enjoyment of food, we will be adding new surprises to our menu frequently,” Renaud-McDermott noted. “Mark intends to let his hometown pride show, by featuring in-season ingredients from local gardens and waters.”

“Our upcoming exterior renovations, our interior transformation to condominiums and the plans of our tenants are all indicators that exciting new developments are continuing to occur in Sarnia’s downtown,” said Gilvesy.

Seaway Centre Sarnia, a division of Gilvesy Enterprises Inc., owns and manages First Sarnia Place, at 201 Front Street North, Sarnia, Ontario. The company’s senior representative, John G. Gilvesy, P.Eng., is president of Gilvesy Enterprises Inc. and has extensive experience in real estate, development, construction and property management. The Gilvesy group of companies, which also includes Riverdance Holdings Inc., Gentrac Building Corporation and Permterra Development Corporation, has been involved in several prominent local projects, most notably the original development and construction of First Sarnia Place and the restorations of Sarnia’s Lawrence House and Victoria Playhouse Petrolia.

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