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Fire in the Laundry Facility at Lake of the Woods District Hospital

Kenora, ON, May 14, 2025 – In today's early morning hours, the Laundry Facility at Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH) experienced a fire. We are extremely grateful that no one was injured in this unfortunate event.

As a result of the fire, the laundry truck and contents of the building (including equipment and laundry) have been damaged. The building has extensive damage.

We wish to express sincere gratitude to the O.P.P. and Kenora Fire & Emergency Services who were quickly able to contain and extinguish the fire. Thanks also to our incredible LWDH Maintenance and Environmental Services teams as well as the Hospital Supervisor on shift for their quick action to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

When incidents of this gravity occur, we find the motivation to navigate them because of the dedication of our team and with the support provided by remarkable community partners. Although this will be a significant challenge for the hospital, the team at Wiigwas Elder and Senior Care Home and Pinecrest Home have already stepped in to assist with laundry services (use of machines and extra linens). We are incredibly grateful to these amazing partners.

As always, we will do our very best to continue to provide extraordinary care for every patient.

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