

Expression of Interest - Café Operator

Introduction

Lanark Lodge is a 163-bed long-term care home just outside of Perth on Christie Lake Road. We are converting our main floor “Tuck Shop” into a warm, welcoming café and are inviting experienced operators to partner with us to launch and run the service. This opportunity offers a reliable, built-in market: residents, staff, steady daily visitor traffic from family members, friends, and allied health professionals. With a convenient, high-visibility location and consistent day-to-day demand for fresh coffee, snacks, and light meals, the café is positioned for repeat business and dependable sales. Operators will also have the chance to make a meaningful difference—creating a social hub that supports connection, enhances quality of life, and contributes to a positive experience for everyone who lives, works, and visits at Lanark Lodge.

Deliverables

- Operate at least 4 hours/day between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (extended hours encouraged). Post regular, consistent hours publicly.
- Prepare all food at an approved off-site location; the café is not licensed or equipped for extensive on-site preparation.
- Set the menu and products; include a range of healthy food and beverage options.
- Maintain the café in a clean, organized, sanitary condition during operating hours, in compliance with public health and infection prevention and control standards.
- Commence operations only after all required Health Unit approvals are received and construction is complete.
- Display pricing prominently for all items.
- Be solely responsible for product quality (freshness/acceptability) and all ordering and delivery logistics.
- Operate, care for, and maintain all operator-supplied equipment used in the café.
- Before opening, provide written verification of compliance with all Health Unit requirements.
- Obtain and maintain (at the operator’s expense) all required approvals, licences, permits, and insurance, including:
 - Commercial General Liability Insurance and Automobile Insurance
 - Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) clearance prior to opening
 - A satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (CPIC) and Vulnerable Sector Check for all individuals working in the café on behalf of the operator.

Café Space and Fixtures

Lanark Lodge will provide the following fixtures and furnishings in the café space:

- Industrial stainless-steel refrigerator
- Lockable cupboards
- Handwashing sink
- Accessible countertop
- Tables and chairs
- Additional fixtures or amenities, if any, will be the responsibility of the operator or as mutually agreed between the parties.

Rental Fees

The successful proponent shall pay a monthly rental fee; the amount to be negotiated.

Deadline for Application: June 28, 2026

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