

Debert Hospitality Centre Opens New Facility Pettis Lodge



Pettis Lodge is named after Shirley Pettis (centre). She calls both Derek (left) and Leonard (right) her grandsons and is proud of the new facility named in her honour.



Colchester County Major Bob Taylor congratulates both Derek Taylor (left) and Leonard Dash (left) with handshakes during the Grand Opening of their new Pettis Lodge facility.

By Linda Harrington

The Debert Hospitality Centre (DHC) held an Open House on Sept. 3rd, to celebrate the recent renovations and grand opening of Pettis Lodge. Co-owners Derek Taylor and Leonard Dash were happy to give tours to those who stopped by to view the completed facility.

Pettis Lodge is located right next door to the existing Debert Hospitality Centre, in the former Taggart's Flooring Showroom building. Extensive renovations have transformed this warehouse structure into a comfortable 14 bedroom facility.

DHC Operations Manager Derek Taylor is pleased that local contractors and trades people were involved with the project from start to finish. "Thompson's Engineering did up the plans for the building, Keith Adams was the foreman, and supplies were purchased at Masstown Pro Hardware, electrical work by Debert Electric, plumbing by Henderson Plumbing and septic by Mike Turner. Financing for the project was arranged through Northern Opportunities for Business and CoRDA," he says.

"The renovations took 12 weeks to complete and the day they were finished the Glider School moved right in for their summer training," says Derek. "This is the first opportunity we had to host an Open House, with the building unoccupied."

Pettis Lodge is a 14 bedroom lodge, fully wheel chair accessible, with wireless internet throughout. There are 11 single bedrooms and 2



Pettis Lodge, a new fourteen bedroom facility at the Debert Hospitality Centre

double bedrooms, which share two bathroom areas. The bathrooms have two toilets, shower, sinks and a complimentary washer and dryer set. A comfortable common area is centered in the lodge, with a flat screen TV, couches to curl up on and a dining room table.

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Ron Smith (centre), Director of Business Development at CoRDA, stopped by to congratulate Operations Mgr. Derek Taylor (left) and Food Service Mgr. Leonard Dash (right) on their new facility.

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