

Summer — not on the calendar, but definitely on the thermometer — is forecast to debut Wednesday, with temperatures expected to hit 29 C — even higher, if you factor in what it will feel like with the Humidex reading.

The bad news is those warmer temperatures will be gone before this holiday long weekend.

"My recommendation is everyone should get out there and enjoy it," Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson said of the warm spell that will last to Friday, with forecast highs to end the workweek in the low 20s C.

Asked if this is a shotgun start to summer, Coulson is blunt: "The short answer is 'No.'"

The highs may seem out of the



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"We thought it was going to be much warmer," exclaimed Dakkota Kitchen, left, as she bundled up Tuesday at Port Stanley Beach with friends Bridget O'Brien and Brooke Jansen.

ordinary only because, well, May has sucked so far. The average daily temperature this month has been 7.3 C. Wednesday's usual seasonal value, meanwhile, is 20 C.

You can blame the jet stream for the grey, blah conditions we've had this month. That's the line separating cold air masses to the north from warmer air to the south. This spring,

May," he said, noting you have to go back to 2008 to find a comparable May. Back then, the average temperature for the month was 11.3 C.

When the long weekend arrives, it'll seem that much warmer.

According to the forecast, temperatures will rise into the high teens or low 20s over the weekend, with a chance of rain Saturday and Sunday.

Coulson says one of his weather models indicates a warmer-than-usual June; a second model now calls for a seasonal June. The good news is there is no model predicting a colder June than normal, Coulson said.

He suggests gardening enthusiasts hold off on spring planting this weekend and wait a week or so. *London Free Press*

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With the support of Stratford behind them, Werner and Fontana used that momentum to garner financial support from almost every group, club and municipality they approached, excluding the Town of St. Marys and Perth County council.

"Really, the way we see this is, we just represent the citizens of this town who have been willing to work for the last four years to bring this project forward. The most important thing is, that really, the important citizens are those who are going to drive this forward. When you say we are the Citizens of the Year, the true Citizens of the Year are the people of Perth County who are now going to support this project as it moves ahead," Werner said.

In all, the hospice foundation has thus far managed to raise a quarter of its \$6.5-million goal, which is pretty

impressive considering the foundation's capital campaign has only just begun.

And now that, as of February, the Southwest LHIN has officially given the go-ahead for the construction of a residential hospice in Stratford, the truly rewarding and exciting work is just beginning for the foundation.

"I would say the most important part for me was actually seeing the first plans and layouts for the building — that was really exciting," Fontana said. "It's so much fun just to see the concrete view of what we can have."

Although the LHIN's suggested timeframe for the project would have the Stratford hospice open by March 2018, Werner and Fontana know there is quite a bit to accomplish between then and now. Yet regardless of the work that still needs to be done, both co-chairs are

confident the hospice will be ready to receive patients from Stratford and the surrounding county as soon as humanly possible.

As part of the honour, Werner, Fontana and their guests will be

enjoying an evening that begins with fine dining at The Bruce restaurant and culminates with the Stratford Festival's opening-night performance of Twelfth Night.

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Notice of Public Consultation on the Transfer of Beds from Hillside Manor in Stratford

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is reviewing the proposed transfer of up to 50 beds from Hillside Manor, a 90-bed long-term care home located at Highway 8, 5066 Perth East Line 34, R.R. #5 in Stratford, Ontario, to a Replacement Home to be developed in the City of London, Ontario. If approved, the 50 beds would form part of a 128-bed licence for the Replacement Home with a term of up to 30 years issued to Revera Long Term Care Inc. (the "Licensee"), subject to all applicable requirements and conditions.

In accordance with the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, public opinion is being sought prior to a final decision being made relating to this matter. If you have comments or opinions and would like to bring them to the attention of the MOHLTC, you may:

1. Submit them in writing by **June 20, 2017** to:

Director under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Licensing and Policy Branch
1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 2B1
e-mail: LTCHomes.Licensing@ontario.ca
fax: 416-327-7603

- OR -

2. Present them orally at a public meeting, to be held on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017** from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Community Centre, Morenz Room, 185 Wellington Street, Mitchell, Ontario.

Please include the name of the long-term care home and quote Project #18-014 on all written submissions.

The Director will consider all written and oral submissions before making a final decision relating to this matter.



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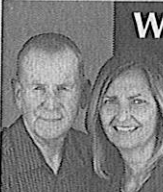


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