

Now open in Fort Erie

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Sarah Ferguson/Fort Erie Observer Members of the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, the Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce and Town of Fort Erie staff gathered at Primary Care Niagara on Monday morning to officially open the new facility on Garrison Road. Mayor Wayne Redekop cut a red ribbon in recognition of the grand opening. (Right) Dr. Singh, lead physician of Primary Care Niagara, is pictured in his office with his wife, Judy Singh.

After a couple of “intense months” of hard work, Dr. Artaj Singh said it “feels great” to finally celebrate the grand opening of Primary Care Niagara.

Members of the Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation and Town staff gathered early Monday morning for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new urgent care clinic and family practice.

Singh said Primary Care Niagara, which boasts nine exam rooms, office space for physicians and plenty of room for visiting specialists, will provide much-needed service to Fort Erie.

Based on Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care guidelines, Singh said Fort Erie should have about 16 to 18 full-time family physicians, and according to surveys, the municipality only has six full-time and six part-time physicians to serve the community, which has more than 30,000 residents.

The doctor purchased the Garrison Square Plaza in 2004 with a vision to create a medical campus offering a variety of health services on site including a medical laboratory, a full-service pharmacy, a psychology and counselling centre, a hearing and audiology clinic and foot clinic.

He said the facility will also provide a weekly women's health-care clinic, and beginning in May, physiotherapy services. Another specialist has also signed on to provide part-time cardiac care and diabetic care.

He described Primary Care Niagara as a "hybrid clinic" where walk-ins are welcome, but patients can also register online in the comfort of their own homes.

"Our Fast Web Check-in allows people to register online and they don't have to wait in the waiting room. It also lets people know what the wait time is," Singh said.

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While Singh wasn't sure of the exact number of patients Primary Care Niagara will serve, he said he expects the clinic to be "very busy" in the days ahead.

The clinic, located at 660 Garrison Rd., is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about Primary Care Niagara visit www.primarycareniagara.com.