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Pembroke Travelodge is expanding, adding a 300-seat banquet facility, which will be open by June 2014. In the photo for the groundbreaking are, from left, Kelly Bolland, manager of Travelodge, Gerry Morris of Morris Thueman Architects, Travelodge owners Jo-Anne Muciy and Don Muciy, and Shawn Argue of Argue Construction, general contractor.

Travelodge breaks ground on major expansion

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Travelodge Pembroke is expanding. The hotel, located has broken ground on a new 300-seat banquet facility and conference centre, located behind the building, which is to be ready by June 2014.

Don Muciy, who along with his wife Jo-Anne own Travelodge, said they saw a need for more facilities like this for Pembroke and area, especially for weddings and other such activities.

"This is exciting for us and for the area in general," he said, noting this project has been at least a year in the making.

Kelly Boland, Travelodge general manager, said they are looking to bring more conference business to the city, and with their new facility, they feel they can accomplish that goal.

Muciy said he and others associated

with the project are hearing members of the public getting excited about getting this constructed.

"People have already started calling," he said, "and we've been taking reservations as we speak for it."

Already, several weddings have been booked to use the new space, once it is completed next year.

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