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Affordable Housing Projects Approved in Kingston

KINGSTON, Ontario, February 26, 2004 — Three projects that will create 105 units of affordable housing for low-income people in the City of Kingston will be funded by a \$1.9 million allocation under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

The announcement was made by the Peter Milliken, Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands, and the Honourable John Gerretsen, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs, as part of \$56 million announced today for communities across Ontario.

"The Government of Canada is pleased to be partnering on this important housing investment for the residents of the City of Kingston. We are committed to providing affordable housing for those Canadians who need it most, and will continue to support health, sustainable communities across the country," said Mr. Milliken.

"The affordable housing program is an important part of the provincial government's efforts to strengthen the communities in which we live, and provide our people with a quality of life that is second to none," said Minister Gerretsen.

"The City of Kingston has been waiting patiently to contribute its modest resources to these projects. Through the hard work of the City staff in the Community Services Department, the Elizabeth Frye Society, Home Base Kingston and our private partners, we look forward to seeing these projects provide much needed affordable housing in the immediate future," said Mayor Harvey Rosen.

The \$1.9 million allocation to Kingston includes:

- \$110,000 for a 6-unit project at 39 Russell Street in Kingston. The project is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Elizabeth Frye Society. The units will be occupied by lower income families and single persons. All of the tenants will pay rent geared to their income.
- \$347,000 for a 14-unit project on Joseph Street in Kingston. The project is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Home Base Housing. The units will be occupied by lower income single persons. All of the tenants will pay rent geared to their income.
- \$1.4 million to fund 85 units of a 110-unit project at 1600 Bath Road in Kingston. The project is sponsored by P. Martin Construction, and the units will be occupied by lower income families. Tenants in five of the units will pay rent geared to their income.

Today's federal and provincial allocation will be complemented by more than \$1.3 million in City of Kingston capital funding and municipal financial incentives.

In the City of Kingston, the Government of Canada, through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), has contributed \$1.7 million through the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program Agreement.

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The projects are part of a five-year commitment that will create affordable housing units in Ontario. This partnership combines Government of Canada funding of \$245 million with matching contributions of the Government of Ontario, municipalities and other private and non-profit partners.

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