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### **20 New Social and Community Housing Units in Beauceville**

**BEAUCEVILLE, Québec, May 3, 2004** — The Honourable Claude Drouin, M.P. for Beauce, on behalf of Andy Scott, Minister of State (Infrastructure) and Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Minister responsible for the region Chaudière-Appalaches et Deputy of Lévis, madame Carole Théberge, on behalf of Jean-Marc Fournier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation, announced today that \$977,989 in financial assistance is being granted to the Beauceville Housing Bureau for the development of 20 social and community housing units intended for low-income families. The announcement took place in the presence of Henri Marcel Veilleux, Mayor of Beauceville, and Jean Gilbert, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bureau.

This new construction, for which the construction costs are estimated at over \$1,750,000, is being developed thanks to the involvement of public, community and private partners. The financial contributions for the construction and the rent supplement, which come to a total of \$1,200,877, are being provided under the Affordable Housing Agreement signed between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ). They are being assumed in a proportion of 50 per cent by CMHC and 50 per cent by the SHQ and the community sector, including a community contribution of \$222,888, of which over \$104,000 comes from the municipality of Beauceville. The other costs are being assumed by the organization through a mortgage loan secured by the Société d'habitation du Québec.

"The Government of Canada is pleased to work with the provincial government, the municipality and community representatives to meet the housing needs of Beauceville citizens," said Mr. Drouin. "Social housing units are a source of individual and collective pride. They enhance quality of life, stimulate commercial investment and contribute to the sustainable development of communities."

"The construction of these 20 new dwellings will enable Beauceville families to benefit from more social and community housing units in order to improve their housing conditions and their quality of life. This project is an excellent example of a successful partnership between the community, the municipality and governments," indicated Mrs Théberge.

Among the residents, 10 households will be able to benefit from the Rent Supplement program, which provides financial assistance to low-income people who would otherwise have to spend more than 25 per cent of their income on housing.

It should be recalled that an Affordable Housing Agreement was signed between CMHC and the SHQ. It provides for a total contribution of \$323.3 million to increase the supply of affordable housing in Quebec, with \$161.65 million from the federal government, \$104 million from the Quebec government and \$57 million from the municipalities participating in the program.

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