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### **Site Visit — 16 New Affordable Housing Units for Seniors in Saint-Pamphile**

**SAINT-PAMPHILE, Québec, November 15, 2004** — Semi-independent seniors will soon have more affordable housing options thanks to the construction of 16 new housing units on Du Foyer Street, in Saint-Pamphile.

This announcement was made today by the Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre, Minister of Transport and Political Lieutenant for Quebec, on behalf of the Honourable Joseph Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing, and Norbert Morin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Parks and MNA for Montmagny-L'Islet, on behalf of Jean-Marc Fournier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation. Norbert Morin, MNA for Montmagny-L'Islet, Réal Laverdière, Mayor of Saint-Pamphile, and Diane Troie, Chair of the organization, were present at the ceremony.

This expansion, the cost of which is estimated at \$1.5M, will be completed thanks to the participation of public, private, and community partners. Financial contributions for the performance of the work, totalling \$1,165,458, are being made under the Affordable Housing Agreement signed between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ).

CMHC is providing \$375,632 in financial assistance, while the SHQ is contributing a sum of \$555,459 to the housing project. This project is also benefiting from a contribution of \$234,367 from the community sector, including \$70,595 from the municipality of Saint-Pamphile. The other costs are being assumed by the organization through a mortgage loan secured by the SHQ.

"The 16 new housing units inaugurated today will provide seniors with a quality environment that will enable them to stay their community, near their families and friends, while contributing to the development of their region," said Minister Lapierre. "Affordable housing is a priority for the Government of Canada, and we are pleased to work in cooperation with the Government of Quebec, the municipality and community sector representatives to provide more people with better housing in their community."

"The Government of Quebec is delighted with the development of the 16 new dwellings of Villa Joie de vivre, which will allow seniors to benefit from adequate housing, while remaining in their community. Plus, this residence is an excellent example of a successful partnership between governments, the municipality and the community sector," said Mr. Morin.

The development of this project is part of the Government of Quebec's initiative to produce 16,000 social, community, and private housing units for low- and moderate-income households. This initiative is notably supported by federal funds made available under the Affordable Housing Agreement.

It should be recalled, in fact, that Ministers Fontana and Fournier signed an agreement, in August 2004, concerning additional funding for the second phase of the Affordable Housing Program, as Quebec became the first province to sign such an agreement. This makes for a total contribution of \$150M to increase the availability of affordable housing

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