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Inauguration 44 New Affordable Housing Units for Families in Gatineau

GATINEAU, Québec, January 14, 2005 — Families in Gatineau will soon have more affordable housing options thanks to the construction of 44 new housing units on De l'Hôpital Boulevard. This new \$4.3 million construction development was completed thanks to the participation of public and private partners.

This announcement was made today by Françoise Boivin, MP for Gatineau, on behalf of the Honourable Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing, and by Benoît Pelletier, Minister for Canadian Intergovernmental Affairs and Native Affairs and MNA for Chapleau, on behalf of Jean-Marc Fournier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation, in the presence of Yves Ducharme, Mayor of Gatineau, and Guy Bisson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Les services de gestion en habitation populaire.

Financial contributions for the development of this project, totalling \$3,253,353, are being made under the Affordable Housing Agreement, in a proportion of 50 per cent by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and 50 per cent by the Société d'habitation du Québec and the community, including a contribution of \$522,000 from the City of Gatineau.

"Our investment in this project shows how much the Government of Canada is committed to providing affordable housing to Canadians in need," indicated Ms. Boivin. "Shelter is one of the foundations upon which healthy communities and individual dignity are built. We are pleased to work with the Government of Quebec and our other partners in order to provide more people with better housing and thereby enable them to stay in their community."

"The Government of Quebec is delighted with the development of the 44 new dwellings that will allow families to benefit from housing that meets their needs. This construction is an excellent example of a successful partnership between governments, the municipality, and the community," said Mr. Pelletier.

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 Affordable Housing Agreements.

Ministers Fontana and Fournier signed an agreement, in August 2004, concerning additional funding for the second phase of the Affordable Housing Program. Quebec became the first province to sign such an agreement. This makes for a total contribution of \$150 million to increase the availability of affordable housing in Quebec. The federal contribution is \$75 million, with an equivalent amount being provided by the Government of Quebec and the municipalities participating in the program.

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