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Inauguration of the Manoir Rose-Marquis

17 New Housing Units for Seniors in Dégelis

DÉGELIS, Québec, January 17, 2005 — Seniors now have more affordable housing options thanks to the construction of 17 new housing units on Principale Avenue, in Dégelis. The Manoir Rose-Marquis received investments of more than \$1.7 million thanks to the participation of public, private and community partners.

This announcement was made today by the Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre, Minister of Transport and Political Lieutenant for Quebec, on behalf of the Honourable Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing, and by Claude Béchar, MNA for Kamouraska-Témiscouata, on behalf of Jean-Marc Fournier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation. Claude Béchar, MNA for Kamouraska-Témiscouata, Émilien Nadeau, Mayor of Dégelis, and Bernard Caron, Chair of the organization, were present at the inauguration ceremony.

Financial contributions for the development of this project, totalling \$1,229,022, are being made under the Affordable Housing Agreement, with 50 per cent coming from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and 50 per cent from the Société d'habitation du Québec and the community, including a contribution of nearly \$300,000 from the municipality of Dégelis. The other costs are being assumed by the organization through a mortgage loan secured by the Société d'habitation du Québec.

"The new housing units inaugurated today will provide seniors with a quality environment that will allow them to stay their community, and near their families and friends," said the Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre. "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 development of the 17 housing units of the Manoir Rose-Marquis is a concrete gesture made by the community that will allow seniors to benefit from adequate housing while remaining in their community. This residence is an excellent example of a successful partnership between governments, the municipality and the community sector," said Mr. Béchar.

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

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.

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

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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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