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Opening 16 New Social and Community Housing Units in Saint-Pamphile

SAINT-PAMPHILE, Quebec, November 5, 2006 — Seniors now have more resources to live independently thanks to the construction of the 16 units of the Villa Joie de Vivre, in Saint-Pamphile.

This announcement was made today, on the occasion of the opening of this project, by Steven Blaney, Member of Parliament for Lévis – Bellechasse, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development; by Norbert Morin, MNA for Montmagny – L'Islet and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife, on behalf of Nathalie Normandeau, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Regions; and Clermont Pelletier, Acting Mayor of the municipality of Saint-Pamphile. In addition to Steven Blaney, Norbert Morin and Clermont Pelletier, Claude Whittom, Chair of the Board of Directors of Habitations Saint-Pamphile, was present at the ceremony, as were residents and community partners.

"Canada's new Government is pleased to work with the Government of Quebec, the municipality and community sector representatives to better meet the housing needs of seniors," said Steven Blaney, pleased to show once again that Canada's new Government is getting things done for Quebecers. "The housing units opened today will provide our citizens with a quality environment that will allow them to remain in their community, close to their families and friends."

"The development of these 16 new housing units represents the outcome of an exemplary partnership. We have succeeded once again. But, above all, this is good news for many of our seniors who can now live in healthy, safe, comfortable and affordable housing, while staying in an environment that is precious and familiar to them," commented Norbert Morin.

More than \$1.5 million was invested by public, private and community partners to develop this housing project. The financial contributions required for the completion of the project, totalling \$1,165,719, were made under the affordable housing agreement signed between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ).

The SHQ is granting Habitations Saint-Pamphile a subsidy that will total \$555,030, while CMHC is providing them with \$375,730 in financial support. The community partners, for their part, are contributing a sum of \$234,959, including \$71,187 from the municipality of Saint-Pamphile. The balance of the investment is being assumed by the organization through a mortgage loan secured by the SHQ.

The development of this project is part of the Government of Quebec's initiative to produce 20,000 social, community and private housing units for low- and moderate-income households, by 2009.

The Governments of Canada and Quebec signed two agreements to increase the supply of affordable housing in the province. These agreements provide for a total contribution of \$473 million, with \$236.5 million from the federal government and an equivalent sum on the part of the Quebec government and the municipalities participating in the

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