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Mel Lloyd Centre Officially Opens in Shelburne

SHELBURNE, Ontario, November 17, 2006 — The Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, the County of Dufferin and the Town of Shelburne held a ribbon-cutting ceremony today to mark the completion of construction on the Mel Lloyd Centre, a project that provides housing, health and outreach services to the town of Shelburne.

David Tilson, Member of Parliament for Dufferin – Caledon, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada; the Honourable George Smitherman, Ontario's Minister of Health and Long Term Care; County of Dufferin Warden Earl Lennox; and Shelburne Mayor Ed Crewson attended the event.

"Canada's new government is committed to working with our partners to help seniors live with dignity and independence, while remaining close to family and friends," said Mr. Tilson. "We are proud to support projects like the Mel Lloyd Centre, as well as giving a hand to seniors and pensioners through our proposed Tax Fairness Plan that will allow income splitting and deliver more than a billion dollars in tax relief annually."

"Funding an initiative like the Mel Lloyd Centre is an important part of the Ontario government's strategy to keep Ontarians healthy and active in their own homes," said George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "Along with providing funds to retrofit apartments in the County of Dufferin for a supportive housing project for physically disabled adults, our support of this centre and its Family Health Team will allow us to improve access to health care for as many as 8000 Shelburne area residents and ensure that the Dufferin Oaks long-term care home continues to provide care to 160 seniors."

The \$4.2 million project, sponsored by the County of Dufferin, is located at 167 Centre Street in Shelburne and includes:

- The McKelvie Burnside Village, a \$1.98 million supportive housing facility that provides 22 units of affordable, supportive housing to seniors and people with physical disabilities. The project received \$840,000 for 12 units under the Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program and \$450,000 for six units from the Ontario March of Dimes.
- The Seniors Centre, a \$1.6 million conversion of the former Dufferin Oaks building, previously a long-term care facility, into a multi-use Seniors Recreational Centre. The building now includes a large area for programs and activities, community outreach space, and space for the non-profit Shelburne Cooperative Nursery School. The project also included the construction of a walkway to link the Centre to the Simon Terrace Apartments, landscaping to provide an outdoor recreation area, and reconfiguration of existing parking and pedestrian drop-off areas. The Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, through the Canada – Ontario Infrastructure Program, each contributed up to \$135,000 to the project. The County of Dufferin invested the balance of the project's cost.

The Mel Lloyd Family Health Team and the Town of Shelburne have to date received \$1.3 million in funding for leasehold improvements, furnishings and equipment, overhead costs, and to hire nurse practitioners, registered nurses

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and other staff.

“The County of Dufferin is extremely proud of the re-development of the Mel Lloyd Centre in Shelburne. The project is the culmination of work at all levels of government and the community and it demonstrates how innovation and collaboration can benefit a community”, says Warden Earl Lennox.

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