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### **Komoka Seniors' Apartments Celebrates Official Opening**

**KOMOKA, Ontario, June 06, 2009** — The Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre in the County of Middlesex today celebrated the opening of 20 new affordable rental units. This project is supported by \$1.4 million in funding through the Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

Bev Shipley, Member of Parliament for Lambton – Kent – Middlesex, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Maria Van Bommel, Member of Provincial Parliament for Lambton – Kent – Middlesex, on behalf of the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Councillor Brian Ritchie, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, on behalf of Mayor Al Edmondson, attended the ceremony.

“Today’s event marks an important step forward for the people of Komoka and demonstrates what we can achieve when we work together,” said MP Shipley. “When it comes to building safe and strong communities, it takes the efforts of many to achieve success. It takes partnerships at all levels of government to get real results.”

“Through the construction of safe affordable housing, we are helping vulnerable people establish and maintain the stability that so many of us simply take for granted,” said Van Bommel. “This apartment complex will make a positive difference in the lives of the seniors who will call it home.”

Today’s announcement recognized the official opening of Komoka Seniors’ Apartment Complex, a 20-unit complex sponsored by the Lobo Township Non-Profit Apartment Corporation. The \$2.64 million project received \$1.4 million under the Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

The federal and provincial allocations to the project were complemented by over \$45,000 in municipal financial incentives.

“I would like to thank the Board of Directors and volunteers of the Lobo Township Non-Profit Apartment Corporation who saw a need in their community and, in partnership with three levels of government, have built housing that is second to none for seniors that are on fixed incomes,” said Edmondson. “This project speaks to the caring and compassion within our communities and I look forward to more such initiatives across Middlesex Centre.”

The Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program comprises a commitment of \$301 million from each of the two senior levels of government. In total, the federal, provincial and municipal governments will invest at least \$734 million in the program, which will provide affordable housing for up to 20,000 households in Ontario.

Last fall, the Government of Canada committed more than \$1.9 billion over the next five years to improve and build new affordable housing and to help the homeless. Canada's Economic Action Plan builds on this with an additional one-time investment of more than \$2 billion over two years in new and existing social housing and lending of up to another \$2 billion to municipalities for housing-related infrastructure.

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