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### **Construction Starts on Affordable Housing Complex in Sudbury**

**SUDBURY, Ontario, July 14, 2009** — The Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the City of Greater Sudbury today launched an affordable housing project that will create 80 units of affordable housing for low-income individuals and families in Sudbury.

The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry and Member of Parliament for Parry Sound – Muskoka, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC); the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Member of Provincial Parliament for Sudbury and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, on behalf of the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; John Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Greater Sudbury; and Barb Millsap, President of the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Non-Profit Housing Corporation, made the announcement today.

“The Government of Canada is committed to making affordable housing available in Ontario and across Canada for those who need it the most,” said Minister Clement. “These new units in Sudbury provide low-income individuals and families with access to suitable, affordable housing that meets their specific needs.”

“The construction of safe, affordable housing is a priority for the McGuinty government,” said Minister Bartolucci. “We are proud to support initiatives such as this, which will provide long-term affordable housing for vulnerable persons in Sudbury.”

Today’s announcement was a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the start of construction of an \$11.8 million project, including \$3.3 million from the Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program. The project is sponsored by the Raiffeisen Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

The federal and provincial funding is complemented by more than \$1.3 million in municipal financial incentives.

“The City of Greater Sudbury is very excited about the possibilities afforded to our community by the generous support of CMHC and Municipal Affairs and Housing,” said Greater Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez. “In difficult times, it is always good news when the Canadian community rallies together to put together solid projects that will help citizens achieve greater quality of life and living.”

“Today’s announcement marks the culmination of our 14 year dream, and two years of focussed development work to build Raiffeisen Phase 2 adjacent to our Phase 1 co-operative,” said Barbara Millsap, President of Raiffeisen Phase 2. “We are grateful to all three levels of government who have contributed to the funding of our 80-unit one and two bedroom affordable apartment complex overlooking the downtown centre of the City of Greater Sudbury.”

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

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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. Combined for Ontario, this means a further \$1.2 billion joint investment under the amended Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program Agreement. The federal and provincial governments are contributing equally to this overall investment.

Ontario is moving quickly to implement this additional funding, which increases the number of “quick start” projects to 36 totaling over \$70 million and which will improve access to affordable housing for low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities. It will also create jobs and strengthen local economies. To find out more about affordable housing in Ontario, visit [www.mah.gov.on.ca](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca).

To find out more about how the Government of Canada and CMHC are working to build stronger homes and communities for all Canadians, call CMHC at 1-800-668-2642 or visit [www.cmhc.ca/housingactionplan](http://www.cmhc.ca/housingactionplan). For more information on Canada's Economic Action Plan, call 1-800-O Canada or visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).

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