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New Affordable Housing Construction in Happy Valley-Goose Bay

The Governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador have invested \$75,000 in the construction of a three-bedroom home for a low-income family in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Yvonne Jones, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Member of Parliament for Labrador, on behalf of the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), along with the Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC), made the announcement today.

The Federal and Provincial Governments invested \$75,000 for this project through the Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement and the home was developed by Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland & Labrador.

By the end of 2017, the Federal and Provincial Governments will have contributed over \$2.06 million in funding to Habitat Newfoundland and Labrador through IAH, and created 29 homes for people with low-to-moderate incomes throughout the province.

NLHC has also contributed land and/or labour toward 39 Habitat for Humanity builds in Newfoundland and Labrador, since 1994.

Quotes:

“Our government is dedicated to working in partnership with organizations like Habitat to build the sort of safe, appropriate, affordable housing necessary for healthy, sustainable communities. This new home will make a real difference in the lives of this family, a place they can proudly call their own. This new unit is more than just safe and affordable places to live, it is key to a better life for the family who will call this place home.”

– *Yvonne Jones, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Member of Parliament for Labrador*


“The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is pleased to support Habitat for Humanity as they continue to assist families throughout the province to become homeowners. We know providing safe, affordable housing can help families and communities to grow and prosper. We offer our sincere congratulations to the latest Habitat family as they embark on this new beginning.”

– *Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.*

“Providing a ‘hand up’ one house, one family at a time, that is what we are all about here at Habitat for Humanity, with many thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the generosity of our donors and sponsors we have been able to make homeownership a reality for our new partner family in Happy Valley Goose Bay.”

-Sandra Whiffen, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador

Associated links:

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