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Mayo seniors' residence officially opened

MAYO—The new seniors' residence in Mayo was officially opened today by Premier Darrell Pasloski and Minister Responsible for Yukon Housing Corporation, Stacey Hassard. The \$3.34 million residence provides low income seniors with a new rental housing option in the community.

"In 2011 we made a commitment to build a new seniors' residence in Mayo and I am pleased to be here to officially open this wonderful new facility on time and on budget," Pasloski said. "Our government is working to improve the quality of life for Yukoners, and this six-unit residence will provide safe, comfortable and convenient housing options for elderly Mayo residents."

This new residence will allow seniors to remain in their home and community longer. Accessibility features such as low-threshold showers and barrier-free design allow seniors with physical limitations to live safe and independent lives. The energy-efficient facility also features common areas that will allow for gatherings and visits.

"We are ensuring that more housing options are available to rural elders," Hassard said. "By providing these affordable units, Mayo seniors can remain in their community, close to family and friends."

In recent years, the Yukon Housing Corporation has constructed new seniors' social housing facilities in Watson Lake, Teslin, Faro, Haines Junction, and Whitehorse, including the new 34-unit Alexander Street residence. In addition, a new 48-unit seniors' housing complex is under construction on Front Street in Whitehorse and is scheduled for completion this fall.

"The Yukon Housing Corporation Board of Directors is very pleased to support this important project in Mayo," corporation chair Janet Moodie said. "Seniors represent the fastest growing demographic in Yukon and this residence helps to meet the need in Mayo for years to come."

The corporation operates more than 800 rental units across the territory, helping lower income Yukoners access safe, affordable and suitable rental housing.

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