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Construction Begins on Affordable Housing Project in Komoka

KOMOKA, Ontario, September 05, 2008 — The Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, the County of Middlesex and the Township of Middlesex Centre are pleased to announce the start of construction of the Komoka Seniors' Apartments Complex, an affordable housing development. The project will be located at 109 Hamilton Street in Komoka and will provide 20 new rental units for low-income seniors.

"The Government of Canada is committed to making affordable housing available in Ontario and across Canada for those who need it most," said Bev Shipley, Member of Parliament for Lambton – Kent – Middlesex, on behalf of the Honourable Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development. "Seniors in Komoka will now have access to quality, affordable housing and the services that meet their specific needs, while remaining close to their families and friends in the community."

"Today's announcement is a significant milestone for affordable housing in Middlesex County," said Maria Van Bommel, MPP for Lambton – Kent – Middlesex. "This project means that Komoka seniors will soon have quality housing in their community."

The \$2.6 million project is sponsored by Lobo Township Non-Profit Apartment Corporation and received a total of \$1.4 million under the Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program. The development will provide 20 units of affordable housing for low-income seniors.

Federal and provincial allocations to the project were complemented by over \$45,000 in municipal property tax incentives.

"Middlesex County is looking forward to the additional seniors housing which will be located in Komoka," said Albert Bannister, Warden of the County of Middlesex. "The placement of housing for seniors in the various communities throughout Middlesex County allows our seniors to remain in and continue to be a part of the communities they have served."

"Middlesex Centre is pleased to work in cooperation with the Lobo Township Non-Profit Apartment Corporation in the development of additional senior housing in our community," said Al Edmonson, Mayor of the Township of Middlesex Centre.

"Our Board is very excited that construction of the new apartments for our area seniors is now underway," said Joe Carroll, President of Lobo Township Non-Profit Apartment Corporation. "The funding from the Canada – Ontario Affordable Housing Program has made this project a reality, just what we have been waiting for. This will be of great benefit in providing affordable housing for our seniors and our local community."

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 20,000 households in Ontario.

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