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MVSH Board Approves \$26.6 Million Sundre Seniors' Supportive Living Facility Project

At its regular meeting of July 17, 2014 the Board of Directors for Mountain View Seniors' Housing (MVSH) unanimously approved a much-needed \$26.6 million seniors supportive living, care and housing facility in Sundre, AB. The project will build a 103-unit facility and will help provide a home to seniors wishing to stay in their community while receiving the care and housing they deserve.

The campus of care model provides seniors a range of care levels and services, enabling them to age in place, and it is important to allow seniors to remain in their communities and homes as they wish, while providing adequate access to the care they need and deserve. This facility will provide three housing options for seniors on one site. First, the new facility will replace the existing Foothills Lodge owned by the Province of Alberta with 45 supportive living Level 1&2 lodge units. Secondly, the new facility will provide 40 new supportive living level 4 and 4D units to ensure residents requiring this level of care can continue to reside near family in the Sundre area. Thirdly, this facility will provide 18 independent living-style "Life Lease" units so seniors of all abilities can live together in one community under this campus model.

"Our community has come together and been supportive of this project for over two years since planning started, with a resolve to keep our seniors and families together, here in Sundre. The announcement of this project approval means we are one step closer to achieving that goal," said Mayor Terry Leslie, Town of Sundre.

MVSH was awarded a \$3.8 million Affordable Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI) capital grant for this project from the Province of Alberta in October 2013. The new spaces are expected to open by early summer of 2016, with Mountain View Seniors' Housing paying the balance of the estimated \$22.8 million construction costs from Life Lease sales and with financing.

"The MVSH Board requested a thorough due diligence and feasibility review prior to this project decision. We applied the lessons learned from past projects and developed a strong team and partnership with the project manager, architect and construction management firms who have proven experience in building supportive living facilities. This facility will be a fantastic addition to the residents of Sundre and all of Mountain View County." said MVSH Board Chair Bruce Beattie.

Many thanks for continuing support are due to all those involved. Thanks go to all the MVSH Municipal Stakeholders including the Towns of Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, and Sundre, the Village of Cremona and the County of Mountain View. Thanks go to the Province of Alberta and the departments of Alberta Seniors and Alberta Housing and Alberta Health Services. Special thanks are extended to the Chair and Members of the Sundre Seniors' Care and Housing Committee who requested the MVSH Board of Directors to consider a response to their housing and care needs.

The MVSH Board is committed to the purpose of developing projects in areas with the greatest need for additional access to affordable supportive living accommodations and services within the County.

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