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## News Release

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### **GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ONTARIO CELEBRATE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO**

**Thunder Bay, ON** — More people will now have a place to call home in Northwestern Ontario. The federal and provincial governments are investing over \$14.4 million to create 127 more affordable housing units through the Canada-Ontario Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) agreement.

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay–Superior North and Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, 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 Steve Clark, Ontario’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, made the announcement today.

The announcement took place at Northern Linkage Community Housing at 210 Algoma Street South, which will provide 24 units of affordable rental housing funded by the IAH program.

Other affordable housing developments throughout Northwestern Ontario were also celebrated at the event.

#### **Quotes:**

“Every Canadian, no matter their age, physical abilities, or background, deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. It’s investments like this that give Canada’s middle class and those working hard to join it a fair chance at success.” – **Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce, and Labour and Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay—Superior North**

“Our government is happy to help build homes for more than 100 individuals and families, not just in Thunder Bay, but in communities large and small across Northwestern Ontario. We know that a home is the foundation for so much in our lives – it’s where we raise our families and build our communities and we are proud to be a part of this investment to open up housing opportunities for people who need it most.” – **Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

#### **Quick facts:**

- Northern Linkage Community Housing contains 24 one-bedroom rental units, three of which are fully accessible.
- The fifteen projects across Northwestern Ontario provide homes for individuals, families, seniors, adults with disabilities, families seeking shelter from domestic violence and Indigenous people.
- The governments of Canada and Ontario have partnered together to deliver the IAH program since 2011. Under the IAH, Ontario and the federal government are investing a total of \$1.9 billion to improve access to affordable housing across Ontario.

- The Government of Canada is currently rolling out its National Housing Strategy (NHS)—an ambitious 10-year, \$40 billion plan that will create 100,000 new housing units and lift 530,000 families out of housing need as well as repair and renew more than 300,000 housing units and reduce chronic homelessness by 50 percent.

#### **Associated links:**

- As Canada's authority on housing, CMHC contributes to the stability of the housing market and financial system, provides support for Canadians in housing need, and offers unbiased housing research and advice to all levels of Canadian government, consumers and the housing industry. For more information, please visit [cmhc.ca](http://cmhc.ca) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).
- Ontario is committed to increasing housing supply across the province, while getting the best value for taxpayers. Cutting red tape will bring housing to market faster – leading to lower housing costs and helping people keep more of their hard-earned dollars. For more information on affordable housing in Ontario, visit [ontario.ca/affordablehousing](http://ontario.ca/affordablehousing) or follow us on [Twitter](#).
- To find out more about the National Housing Strategy, visit [www.placetocallhome.ca](http://www.placetocallhome.ca).

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# Backgrounder

## New affordable rental housing in Northwestern Ontario

Fifteen projects will provide affordable housing for individuals, families, seniors, people with disabilities, families seeking shelter from domestic violence and Indigenous people in Northwestern Ontario.

<b>Development</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>IAH Units</b>	<b>Federal / Provincial Funding</b>
Northern Linkage Community Housing	210 Algoma Street South	Thunder Bay	24	\$2,100,000
Journey to Life Centre	545 Cumberland Street	Thunder Bay	20	\$1,287,433
Matawa – Coady Avenue Project	110-112 Coady Avenue	Thunder Bay	8	\$973,708
Supportive Housing Program	110 King Street	Sioux Lookout	20	\$3,400,000
Dryden Homeward Bound Phase III	26 King Street	Dryden	6	\$850,000
Dryden Homeward Bound Phase II	91 Rourke Avenue	Dryden	4	\$680,000
Dryden 49 King Street	49 King Street	Dryden	4	\$646,834
Dryden Homeward Bound	24 Eagle Drive	Dryden	1	\$170,000
Red Lake Second Stage Housing		Red Lake	10	\$1,152,840
Lakeside Six-plex	801 Sixth Avenue South	Kenora	6	\$330,000
Emergency Shelter – Knox United Church	116 Fifth Avenue South	Kenora	2	\$143,900
Kay Bee Seniors Six-plex	10 Hill Street	Oliver Paipoonge	6	\$798,000
Kay Bee Seniors Four-plex	14 Hill Street	Oliver Paipoonge	4	\$500,000
Pocket Housing	1302 Fifth Street East	Fort Frances	8	\$874,875
Bell Street Complex	175 Bell Street	Nipigon	4	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>127</b>	<b>\$14,407,590</b>