

City Congratulates Parksville Lions on Opening of Hustwick Place

At the official opening of Hustwick Place today, Mayor Chris Burger congratulated the Parksville Lions on the successful completion of the 33-unit building at 205 Jensen Street East. Hustwick Place, to be operated by the Parksville Lions Housing Society, provides 33 new apartments for seniors, including 28 seniors' rental housing apartments for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Hustwick Place is named in honour of Allen Hustwick who served as Alderman (1976-1981) and Mayor (1981-1988) of the City of Parksville. Allen's son Dean served as Alderman in 1991-1992.

"The City is proud to support new affordable housing projects like Hustwick Place. This great addition to our community and legacy to the Hustwick family will go a long way in connecting seniors with quality, affordable housing here in Parksville," said Mayor Chris Burger. "The Parksville Lions Club under the direction and leadership of member and building chair, Duane Round, brought together project partners who all responded to a community need."

The total capital cost of this project was about \$5.8 million with the following partners:

- The Government of Canada provided \$2,079,000 million under Canada's Economic Action Plan - Housing for low-income seniors.
- The Province of British Columbia contributed \$2,086,000 million and arranged long term financing of \$577,371.
- The City of Parksville waived about \$274,773 in municipal fees and development cost charges.
- The Regional District of Nanaimo waived \$109,896 in development cost charges.
- The Parksville Lions Housing Society provided the land, valued at \$635,000.

Since 1974, the Parksville Lions Housing Society has been a registered non-profit organization committed to providing affordable rental housing for low-income seniors in British Columbia. The Parksville Lions Housing Society manages and operates the 28 seniors' rental housing apartments. The five remaining residential housing apartments for seniors will be owned and operated by the society.

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