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| Replacement of Alberta’s oldest seniors lodge underway January 31, 2020 [Media inquiries](#media-contacts)  Construction on a new seniors lodge in Red Deer is helping ensure seniors have access to affordable housing – even as their needs change – and creating 204 jobs.  Government is investing $28.3 million to replace Piper Creek Lodge – the oldest lodge in Alberta. Construction is well underway, with foundations installed and walls up. Once complete, the new facility will allow seniors to access additional care without having to move.  “I am pleased to see this new facility is ahead of schedule. Not only will this project replace Alberta’s oldest lodge with a more modern, spacious version, seniors will be able to more easily access increased levels of care, reducing their stress and improving their quality of life.”  Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing  “Affordable housing for seniors in Red Deer and central Alberta is critical to ensuring our citizens can continue to live and age near their friends and family in the city they call home. The Piper Creek Lodge is the oldest lodge in Alberta, and with this funding from the Government of Alberta, local seniors are assured a continuum of options that will meet their needs as they age. This project has been a vision many years in the making, and the city supports it becoming our community reality.”  Tara Veer, mayor, City of Red Deer  “We are very excited to see the development of the new lodge moving along so quickly. This is a testament to the partners involved, and their commitment to seniors housing.”  Steve Christie, board chair, Bridges Community Living  Of the 90 units, 25 are for independent residents, while the remaining 65 lodge units will have access to additional services, such as housekeeping and meals.  Residents are expected to begin moving into the new facility in spring 2021. Media inquiries[Natalie Tomczak](mailto:Natalie.Tomczak@gov.ab.ca)  587-596-8187 Press Secretary, Seniors and Housing |
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