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| Doors open to modernized Vermilion seniors home February 06, 2020 [Media inquiries](#media-contacts)  The governments of Alberta and Canada are providing more affordable housing options for seniors in Vermilion with the opening of the Vermilion Valley Lodge.  The updated lodge, located 200 kilometres east of Edmonton, provides more modern, affordable housing for seniors with low income. With 124 units, the lodge provides home care and other services and amenities to ensure seniors can continue to live safely and independently in their chosen community.  Seniors and Housing Minister Josephine Pon joined Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Ahmed Hussen made the grand opening announcement.  “With the opening of the updated Vermilion Valley Lodge, seniors in the area now have more modern, affordable housing options so they can continue to live in their chosen community. Our government is pleased to partner in projects that support seniors and their families.”  Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing  “Senior citizens have brought so many contributions to our society making sure that they have safe and affordable housing is one way to give back to them. This is why we are pleased to announce the completion of the newly renovated Vermilion Valley Lodge, a critical part of the community that will enable low-income seniors to age independently close to their family and friends in Vermilion.”  Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, and Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  “Our community is excited to celebrate the modernization of our lodge which will provide a home to our seniors for many generations. We thank the Alberta government for their generous support and the Vermilion community who championed this project and raised $1.5 million to furnish the lodge. The response from residents and the community at large has been overwhelmingly positive and the residents love their new home.”  Caroline McAuley, mayor, Town of Vermilion, and board chair of Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Quick facts  * The community of Vermilion received a $10.5-million joint contribution from the governments of Alberta and Canada under the Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement. * The Government of Canada is currently rolling out its National Housing Strategy (NHS), an ambitious 10-year, $55-billion plan that will create 125,000 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 per cent. * The NHS is built on strong partnerships between federal, provincial and territorial governments, and on continuous engagement with others, including municipalities, Indigenous governments and organizations, and the social and private sectors to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Canadians.  Associated links The Alberta Ministry of Seniors and Housing fosters the development of affordable housing and supports access to housing options for Albertans most in need. The ministry works with seniors, their families and caregivers, Albertans who require housing supports and communities and other government partners. A more detailed description of the ministry and its programs and initiatives can be found at [alberta.ca/ministry-seniors-housing.aspx](file:///C:\Users\lynda.cuppens\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\RDJG481X\alberta.ca\ministry-seniors-housing.aspx).  Learn more about Alberta’s [affordable housing programs](https://www.alberta.ca/affordable-housing-programs.aspx).  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. CMHC’s aim is that by 2030, everyone in Canada has a home they can afford, and that meets their needs. For more information, please visit [cmhc.ca](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/) or follow us on [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/CMHC_ca), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/cmhc_schl/), [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/CMHCca), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/canada-mortgage-and-housing-corporation) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cmhc.schl).  To find out more about the National Housing Strategy, visit [www.placetocallhome.ca](http://www.placetocallhome.ca/).  ***Editor's Note:*** This news release was also issued by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on Feb. 6, 2020.  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