



ALBERTA
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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Beddington*

August 4, 2022

Ms. Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus
Board Chair
Grande Spirit Foundation
9505 – 102 Avenue
Grande Prairie AB T8V 7G9

Dear Ms. Kokotilo-Bekkerus:

I am pleased to advise that, as part of the Government of Alberta's commitment to support aging in community, original capital funding of up to \$24 million for 52 designated supportive living spaces and 40 lodge spaces at the Pleasant View Lodge has been increased by \$8 million, up to a total of \$32 million.

This letter replaces the letter dated July 5, 2022, to provide clarification on funding conditions. This funding is conditional upon the Central Peace Region (G5) municipalities contributing an additional \$2.6 million. Once the Grande Spirit Foundation confirms this additional funding is secured, the increased provincial contribution will be allocated to the project and a funding contribution agreement will be executed between the Grande Spirit Foundation and Seniors and Housing.

This additional government funding is also conditional upon development and execution of an agreement between the Grande Spirit Foundation, Seniors and Housing, and Health, outlining Health's Continuing Care Capital Program terms, which include a 30-year operational commitment and an operating agreement with Alberta Health Services for the continuing care spaces.

Alberta's government will share the cost of the capital funding contribution with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation under the *National Housing Strategy* bilateral agreement, which reflects the importance government places on providing shelter for Albertans in need.

Ms. Ashley Bhatia, Executive Director, Housing Capital Programs Branch, Seniors and Housing, will contact you to confirm project details and next steps, with the support of her colleagues in Health.

Prior to releasing any public communication, or planning any future public or media events, please contact Mr. Andrew Hanon, Director, Communications, Seniors and Housing, by telephone at 780-638-2978 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000) or by email at andrew.hanon@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing affordable housing and supportive living in Spirit River.

Sincerely,



Josephine Pon
Minister of Seniors and Housing

cc: Honourable Jason Copping
Minister of Health

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