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Government of Canada supports seniors in Prince Edward County

Wellington, ON—Seniors living in Wellington can anticipate new opportunities to participate in and contribute to their communities thanks to Government of Canada support for a local project.

Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, made the announcement today on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, and the Honourable Julian Fantino, Minister of State (Seniors).

“The Government of Canada is improving the lives of seniors, and is proud to support local organizations with the same goal,” said Mr. Kramp. “These projects will encourage seniors to contribute their skills, knowledge and experience for the benefit of the entire community.”

“Today’s seniors know the importance of being active and staying involved in their communities,” said Minister Fantino. “The New Horizons for Seniors Program is just one example of how we are helping seniors make a positive difference in their own lives and in those of the people around them.”

Mr. Kramp made the announcement Friday that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160, which received 25,000 for its project to renovate bathrooms so that seniors can continue their social events. It is one of 810 projects that were

approved through the 2010–2011 Capital Assistance Call for Proposals, providing over \$10.6 million.

The Government of Canada is making enhancements to the Program. These enhancements will allow a broader array of organizations to develop a greater variety of projects to meet the changing needs of communities.

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New Horizons for Seniors Program

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal Grants and Contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who make a difference in the lives of others and their communities. Through the NHSP, the Government of Canada encourages seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experiences to the benefit of others.

The 2010-11 Capital Assistance Call for Proposals ran from August 30 to October 8, 2010 for all of Canada, except Quebec. In Quebec, the Call for Proposals opened May 3 and closed on September 17, 2010. Approved projects will receive funding to upgrade facilities or equipment required for seniors' programs and activities.

Since its beginning, the Program has funded more than 8,500 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada.

For more information on the Program and the enhancements, or upcoming Calls for Proposals, please visit www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors.