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BMO Donates \$25,000 to Hawthorne Seniors Care Community

Port Coquitlam, BC - BMO is contributing \$25,000 towards Hawthorne Seniors Care Community's ***Growing Our Care Capital Campaign***. BMO's \$25,000 donation will support the renovation of Hawthorne Lodge, a Complex Care facility and residence designed to address the needs of seniors who require total assistance with the activities of daily living.

Hawthorne Seniors Care Community's first ever capital campaign, ***Growing Our Care***, will raise \$1 million to complete the funding required towards their \$4.2 million renovation of Hawthorne Lodge. Hawthorne's investment will be \$3.2 million through a 25-year mortgage. The project will upgrade the complex care facility to modern day standards, while creating a warmer, home-like environment where its residents can continue to live safe, dignified and comfortable lives.

Led by Campaign Chair, Mayor Greg Moore, the campaign has raised over 60% of the campaign goal through the generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations. These funds will help complete the much needed upgrades at Hawthorne Lodge.

Hawthorne's CEO Lenore Pickering expressed her gratitude, "We're very grateful to BMO for their generous support. With their donation, we have raised over \$615,000 towards our \$1 million goal. The response to the Campaign so far has been wonderful. It is a powerful reminder that seniors matter in this community. I look forward to a revitalized Lodge; a warm, modern, welcoming home for Tri-Cities Seniors."

"We believe in giving back to the communities where our customers live, and share Hawthorne Seniors Care Community's vision of providing a welcoming home for seniors in the Tri-City area," said Sarvpreet Gandhi, Regional Vice President at BMO Bank of Montreal. "Supporting the renovation of Hawthorne Lodge so that the facility is upgraded to modern standards and residents are more comfortable helps us to know that we are making tomorrow better for people in our communities."

Highlights of the renovation include the conversion of 19 semi-private rooms into private rooms, constructing another 19 new private rooms, adding new lounge spaces, enclosed landscaped courtyards, new bathing rooms and new nursing stations. The upgrades will help to enhance residents' social interactions and improve their therapeutic program activities.

As well, additions such as satellite nursing stations will improve workflow and help boost efficient and timely resident care delivery by the Hawthorne care teams.

The proportion of seniors in Canada is expected to double by 2025. British Columbia will have more than 1.3 million seniors by 2031. These seniors are also living longer: the average life expectancy in B.C. in 2010 was 81.7 years, compared to about 68 in 1955. In the Tri-Cities area and throughout the province, seniors' housing is not keeping pace with demand. The BC Care Providers Association estimates our province needs 33,105 long-term care beds for seniors in 2016. In September 2015, the Association reported the province had only 27,421 beds, an increase of just 3.5% since 2012.

† Aging Well in British Columbia, November 2006

About Hawthorne Seniors Care Community

Founded in 1958, the Hawthorne Seniors Care Community has a long, respected history of caring for seniors in the Tri-Cities. As a registered charity operated by the Port Coquitlam Senior Citizens' Housing Society, it currently operates under contract with Fraser Health, which provides 75 per cent of Hawthorne's annual operating funding. The Society has offered a wide range of services to seniors for almost 60 years. Today it is one of the Tri-Cities' single-largest providers of seniors' housing residential services. <http://hawthornecare.com/>

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