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Government of Canada supports seniors in rural areas surrounding Saskatoon

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Saskatoon, SK – Seniors living in rural areas surrounding Saskatoon can anticipate new opportunities to participate in and contribute to their communities thanks to Government of Canada support for four local projects.

Maurice Vellacott, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, 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. Vellacott. “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. Vellacott announced that four rural areas, including Hafford, Hepburn, Waldheim and Warman, SK received a total of \$55,508.00 for their projects to renovate facilities and replace equipment. 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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