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## **Spruce Grove seniors to benefit from more housing to meet their needs**

*Spruce Grove...* Spruce Grove seniors will benefit from 70 new affordable housing spaces to meet their needs, thanks to new provincial funding from Alberta Capital Bonds and the Affordable Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI).

The province has committed \$7 million to Choices in Community Living Inc. to help build new spaces at the Copper Sky Lodge in Spruce Grove.

“Alberta seniors deserve accommodations that meet their personal care needs and helps couples to continue living together as they age,” said Premier Ed Stelmach. “By increasing the supply of affordable housing with flexible care levels, the province is helping provide more options for seniors to remain as independent as possible while addressing their changing health and accommodations needs.”

“I’m proud that this new provincial funding will help build and update more than 1,000 new and updated spaces with adjustable levels of care,” said Mary Anne Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports. “It reflects this government’s priority on preparing for an aging population, in part by helping more seniors to stay in their homes and communities longer.”

Increasing the supply of affordable spaces for seniors will create additional capacity in Alberta’s hospitals and emergency departments by providing alternative spaces for seniors to move into that will better meet their needs.

“Financing the construction of this new facility through capital bonds and ASLI is an innovative way of providing Spruce Grove seniors the choice and flexibility they want, and ought to have, to age in their own community,” said Ray Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure.

The funding for the new spaces includes \$55 million from Alberta Capital Bonds investments and \$50 million from the provincially funded ASLI program. This will be leveraged with additional investment from the private and not-for profit sectors.

With this funding, the province has invested approximately \$520 million towards developing and upgrading close to 9,500 affordable housing spaces with a variety of care levels since 1999.

The Copper Sky Lodge project is part of the Government of Alberta’s \$7.2 billion investment in public infrastructure for 2010-2011 that will strengthen the economy, help keep Albertans working and provide core public services to maintain a high quality of life.

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## Copper Sky Lodge in Spruce Grove

<b>Community</b>	Spruce Grove
<b>Project name</b>	Copper Sky Lodge
<b>Project address</b>	Lot 2, Block 16 (off MacLeod Drive near Dog Creek)
<b>Project proponent</b>	Choices In Community Living Inc.
<b>Number and type of spaces</b>	70 affordable supportive living spaces
<b>Provincial funding</b>	\$7 million
<b>Type of project</b>	New construction

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