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Coalition Applauds New Rent Supplements from Provincial and Federal Governments

Victoria, BC, October 17, 2014 – Earlier today the governments of Canada and British Columbia announced the Homelessness Prevention Program. The program will use rent supplements to assist youth transitioning out of foster care, women who have experienced violence or are at risk of violence, individuals leaving hospital and correctional systems, and Aboriginal people.

“We are excited to see this provincial and federal commitment which allows us to access 117 units of additional housing in Greater Victoria,” said Mayor Dean Fortin, Co-Chair of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness. “It is something we have been working on with BC Housing and provides desperately needed housing options.”

In addition to rent supplements the program will provide support services to help these vulnerable individuals maintain their housing.

“The people this program is intended to assist are all target groups that the Coalition has identified as key for preventing homelessness,” said Andrew Wynn-Williams, Executive Director of the Coalition. “Details of the program are still coming but we are encouraged by what we have seen so far.”

The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness is a partnership of local service providers, non-profit organizations, all levels of government, and the business, post-secondary and faith communities. The Coalition’s vision is to end homelessness in the Capital Region by 2018.

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