



Media Release

Innovative affordable housing pilot projects announced at CRB's regional Complete Communities Symposium

(EDMONTON September 16, 2016) Two pilot projects to create more options for market affordable housing in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region were announced yesterday in Morinville at the 2016 ReEnvision Complete Communities Symposium.

Selected from among nine proposals submitted to the Capital Region Board as part of the Our Affordable Future Challenge were: the Southwoods Village in southeast Edmonton, by the Christenson Group of Companies, and the Fort Saskatchewan Project, by the Heartland Housing Foundation.

Projects were evaluated on four criteria: integration, sustainability, livability, and innovation. Both winners can be viewed, along with the background on the challenge, at the Our Affordable Future website [here](#).

The Complete Communities Symposium was the fifth regional event focusing on housing organized by the Capital Region Board as part of its mandate to manage responsible long-term growth in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region.

The Symposium theme explored the concept of a *complete community* – one that meets people's needs for daily living at all ages with convenient access to a mix of jobs, local services, a full range of housing, community infrastructure and multi-modal transportation choices, appropriate to the size and scale of the community.

Board Chair Mayor Nolan Crouse thanked the sold out crowd of 200 and sponsors, Presenting: Alberta Seniors and Housing; Neighbourhood level: Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation, Christenson Group of Companies, Homeward Trust, Rohit Communities; Partnership level: ATCO, Reynolds, Mirth, Richards & Farmer, Urban Development Institute; Hosts: Capital Region Board and Town of Morinville, and with special thanks to: Sturgeon County, the Sturgeon Foundation and the students of Morinville Community High School.

"This is regional collaboration and innovation at its best," said Crouse.

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The CRB represents the 24 municipalities of Edmonton Metropolitan Region, leading regional action toward global opportunity with a focus on growth, transportation, housing and regional services.

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