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MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Responsible for Housing –  
Burnaby

BURNABY – Local media are invited to join MLA for Burnaby North Richard T. Lee, on behalf of Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing, as he announces an important investment regarding affordable housing in Burnaby.

Event Date: Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:  
Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion  
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Burnaby, B.C.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Natural Gas Development and  
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### **Province invests \$2 million for new housing project in Burnaby**

BURNABY – People with developmental disabilities in Burnaby will soon have access to nine new units of affordable housing.

Following the September 2016 announcement of a \$500-million investment in affordable rental housing, the B.C. government has selected Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion to receive \$2 million in capital funding for a new housing project at 3755 Banff Ave.

BC Housing will work with the non-profit group to fully develop the project plans and ensure the proper rezoning and consultation is considered and confirmed before construction.

Construction on the project is expected to begin in fall 2017, with completion projected for spring 2018.

#### **Quotes:**

##### **Richard Lee, MLA for Burnaby North –**

“Providing affordable housing options for people with developmental disabilities is a key part of furthering their independence. It also ensures that having a place to call home continues to be a possibility for all.”

##### **Richard Faucher, co-executive director, Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion –**

“Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI) is pleased to have received a grant of \$2 million through the Province’s Investment in Housing Innovation program. This grant, combined with BACI’s own investment, will provide nine units of affordable accessible housing and a state of the art redesign of one of BACI’s long standing inclusive child-care centres. BACI looks forward to working in partnership with BC Housing and the City of Burnaby on this important project.”

#### **Quick Facts:**

- Since 2001, the B.C. government has invested \$4.9 billion to provide affordable housing for low income individuals, seniors and families.
- More than 104,000 B.C. households benefit from a diverse range of provincial housing programs and services.
- Last year, the Province invested more than \$30 million to provide subsidized housing and rent supplements for close to 6,800 households in Burnaby.

#### **Learn More:**

To learn more about the Province's actions on housing affordability, visit:  
<http://housingaffordability.gov.bc.ca/>

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