

## Swedish Canadian Breaks Ground in Burnaby

Seniors in Burnaby will soon have access to 64 new affordable apartments with the groundbreaking of Swedish Canadian Assisted Living Residence, a \$17-million development in Burnaby, announced Harry Bloy, MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed. "When complete, this assisted living development will provide a comfortable home where residents' care needs are met in an environment that also meets their social and recreational needs."



Of the 64 assisted living apartments, 46 are subsidized by the Province under the Independent Living BC (ILBC) program, an innovative housing-for-health program for seniors. ILBC offers a middle option between home care and residential care for those who need some assistance, but do not need 24-hour, professional nursing care.

The Swedish Canadian Assisted Living Residence, located at 7230 Halifax St. in Burnaby, will be a three-storey, wood-frame building with 64 one-bedroom assisted living apartments complete with a kitchenette and fridge. The development will also include a commercial kitchen, dining room, lounge, bathing room, TV room, library, exercise room, arts and crafts room, scooter storage and laundry facility. Construction is expected to be completed in summer 2012.

"Breaking ground on this project marks a milestone for our association," said Margaret Douglas-Matthews, executive director of Swedish Canadian Rest Home Association. "We are looking forward to increasing our services and providing seniors with appropriate housing with supports that meet their needs. I would like to thank our partners – the Province, Fraser Health and the City of Burnaby – for their support over the years to see this project come to fruition."