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### **Government backs seniors with funding for new Killarney Community Centre**

VANCOUVER – The government of B.C. has committed to funding \$1.3 million toward a new senior's centre in Southeast Vancouver, an area that will get maximum benefit from this community resource, announced Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Bill Bennett today.

The senior's population in this area of Vancouver has been growing faster than in the city as a whole, resulting in a growing need for this type of resource for seniors in the neighbourhood.

Once built, this new 700-square-metre (7,500-square-foot) facility – an addition to the existing Killarney Community Centre – will provide programs, activities, services and special events for older adults of all cultures in the southeast section of Vancouver.

The addition will make use of the existing elevator and kitchen facility and expand by adding on meeting spaces, washrooms, a reception area and office space for the non-profit group.

#### **Quote:**

#### **Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Bennett –**

"I am convinced that to enjoy the best health you can, it's important for seniors to get out and participate in social activities and feel part of a caring community, even in living in a big city. This facility in Southeast Vancouver will go a long way towards promoting a nurturing, supportive environment that fosters social integration. I'm very pleased my government was able to step up to the plate for seniors living in this area."

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