



Vernon Mayor Victor Cumming (from left), Justin Vanderham of Three Per Cent Realty, Cindy Masters of the Vernon and District Land Trust Society, Bruno Carneiro of Faction Projects, Don Dudgeon of Cardan Enterprises and City of Vernon councillor Kari Gares break ground Tuesday, Aug. 18, on a new 12-home affordable housing facility in the 4000 block of Pleasant Valley Road. (Roger Knox - Morning Star)

# Vernon soon to be home for more affordable housing

## Ground officially broken on 12-unit project in 4000 block of Pleasant Valley Road

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More affordable housing is coming to Vernon.

Ground was officially broken Tuesday, Aug. 18, for 12 affordable rental townhomes for seniors, people with disabilities and families with low to moderate incomes in the 4000 block of Pleasant Valley Road between 39th and 40th avenues.

Monthly rents are projected to range from \$375 to approximately \$1,148.

“People deserve safe, secure and affordable housing,” said provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson, who was not on hand for the ground-breaking ceremony. “From young families to seniors, these projects will mean more people can find a good, affordable home in their community, close their friends and family.”

The province is providing \$1.2 million toward the project from its Building BC: Community Housing Fund, as well as interim construction financing of 2.8 million and annual operating cash.

The City of Vernon provided the land, valued at \$600,000, and \$134,000 in municipal waivers.

The non-profit operator, Vernon and District Community Land Trust Society, is providing \$69,000 in equity.