



## May 2018 Newsletter



### National Housing Strategy Updates

The roll out of the National Housing Strategy has begun. In April and May, there were three important announcements to watch: the Co-Investment fund was launched; a consultation on a Rights-Based strategy is taking place; and a Multilateral Agreement was signed between provincial, federal, and territorial ministers.

#### Co-Investment Fund Launched

As part of the National Housing Strategy, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has launched the Co-Investment Fund. The Fund includes grants and financing options for new affordable housing supply, and to repair and renew existing community housing.

Housing providers must meet minimum requirements for partnerships, financial viability, affordability, energy efficiency, and accessibility. Applications for funding must be made online, and application guides should be available shortly. For more information the strategy and funding streams, go to:

[National Housing Strategy](#)

[Repair and Renewal](#)

[New Construction](#)

[Research and Planning Fund](#)

#### National Consultations on a Human-Rights Based Approach to Housing

Through the National Housing Strategy, the Government took steps toward realizing a human rights-based approach to housing, including committing to establish the following initiatives: the tabling of New Legislation, the Federal

Housing Advocate, National Housing Council, the Community Based Tenant Initiative, and Public Engagement Campaign. This was a commitment that is in line with Canada's obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Government launched public consultations with Canadians to seek feedback on its human rights-based approach to housing, which will draw upon the diverse knowledge and expertise of thought leaders in the housing and social sector, and those with lived experience of housing need and homelessness.

Organizations across the country have developed submissions to this consultation. They include the [Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario](#) and [Canada Without Poverty](#). To provide a submission, or learn more, [click here](#).

## Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Ministers Sign Multilateral Agreement

On April 9, a multilateral agreement was signed to advance the National Housing Strategy. The agreement includes a shared vision where:

Canadians have housing that meets their needs and they can afford. Affordable housing is a cornerstone of sustainable and inclusive communities and a Canadian economy where we can prosper and thrive.

The FPT Housing Partnership Framework is a multilateral agreement that sets the foundation for federal, provincial and territorial governments to work towards achieving this long-term vision. The Framework is grounded in the National Housing Strategy (NHS) and is complemented by provincial and territorial housing strategies. It marks a renewed relationship between Canada and the provinces and territories and commits governments to work together to achieve better housing solutions across the spectrum, from homelessness to market housing.

The full news release is available [here](#). On April 30, Ontario was the [first province to sign a bilateral agreement under the National Housing Strategy](#).

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## MNPHA Partners on the Canadian Rental Housing Index

The Canadian Rental Housing Index (CRHI) is a comprehensive database of rental housing statistics, displaying information for more than 800 regions and municipalities across the country. Released on May 8, 2018, the updated Index provides a data-driven foundation for policy-making decisions at all levels of government and the community housing sector.

The Index can be used to track and compare average rental costs, how rental housing spending compares with income, and the rate of overcrowding in municipalities, regions and provinces.

Data from the Index show that for Manitoba:

- 37% of renter households in Manitoba are spending more than the recommended 30 percent of average income on rent and utilities. 15.5% spend more than half of their income on rent, putting them at a crisis level of spending.
- Manitoba saw a 10% increase in rental households from 2011 to 2016 - a total of 13,100 new households.
- While renter households saw a 20% average increase in their income from 2011 to 2016, monthly rental costs have increased by an average of 24% in the same period, outpacing income gains by 4%.
- 11.8% of renter households in Manitoba experience overcrowding. Manitoba overcrowding issues rank second only to Ontario when compared to other provinces.
- Winnipeg has the largest share of renters (40%) in the province spending more than the recommended 30 percent of their average income on rent, followed by Steinbach (39%), Morden (39%), Hanover (37%), Portage la Prairie (36%), Selkirk (36%), and Brandon (36%).
- While renter households in Winnipeg saw an average increase of 25% to their rental costs from 2011 to 2016, their average income increased by only 21% over the same period, putting more of the population at risk of a crisis level of spending.
- Churchill/Northern Manitoba (Division 23), North East Manitoba (Division 19), and Pilot Mound (Division 4) are ranked as #5, #6, and #8 respectively on the list of BEST communities in the country for rental affordability.
- At \$406, North East Manitoba (Division 19) has the lowest rent in the country.



## MNPHA Membership Renewals

MNPHA membership renewals for 2018-19 will be arriving in the mail shortly.

MNPHA members provide over 23,000 units of affordable housing for families, seniors and individuals with special needs. MNPHA is also supported by Associate Members - businesses and organizations in our community who support the objectives of MNPHA.

### Benefits of Becoming an MNPHA Member

1. Members register for our annual conference for a reduced fee
2. Attend training sessions at no charge or for a reduced fee
3. Access and save on services offered through our Partnership Program
4. Ensure the voice and interests of the non-profit housing sector are heard

### Renew Your Membership Today

MNPHA recently updated its membership fees for housing providers to provide a more equitable membership cost to small providers. Please use one of our most recent application forms for renewal.

[Member application for housing providers](#)

[Application for associate or individual members](#)



Building  
Partnerships  
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The 6th Annual  
Manitoba Non-Profit  
Housing Association  
Conference

SAVE THE DATE!  
Oct. 15 & 16, 2018

Victoria Inn and  
Conference Centre  
in Brandon MB

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## Rent-geared-to-income Rate Change to 30%

Manitoba Housing is changing the rent-geared-to-income rate to 30 per cent of household income. This rate comes into effect for new rent supplement clients starting July 1, 2018 and November 1, 2018 for existing clients.

Manitoba Housing is mailing a general notice this week to all current rent supplement clients, and will also provide clients with individual renewal notices at least three months before their lease anniversary date. For example, clients, with a lease anniversary date of November 1, will receive their renewal notice with the new rate before August 1.

Rent supplement clients receiving Employment and Income Assistance are not affected by this change. They will continue to be charged rent based on their shelter allowance.

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## Job Board feature added to MNPHA website

Have a position you are trying to fill in your organization? MNPHA is now accepting job postings for display on its website.

The Job Board is located under the Resources tab on the [MNPHA home page](#).

To have your position added to the board, send the pertinent information to:

[execdir@mnpha.com](mailto:execdir@mnpha.com)



## Recent Postings:

### **Fred Douglas Place - Receptionist/Administrative Assistant**

Full time (37.5 hrs/week) starting June 1, 2018. A combination of duties including clerical, administrative, accounting and others as required. Strong computer ability (proficiency in Microsoft Office/Word/Excel desired, and some Quickbooks experience an asset). Some experience in a property management setting an asset. Must have excellent people skills and the ability to handle frequent interruptions. Please email [dwilson@freddouglasplace.com](mailto:dwilson@freddouglasplace.com)

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