



**MINISTER  
OF FAMILIES**

Legislative Building  
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA  
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Dear Housing Stakeholder:

The Manitoba Government has initiated a housing stakeholder consultation process to inform the development of a Provincial housing strategy. The development of the housing strategy will allow us to identify Manitoba priorities in response to current challenges and opportunities, inform effective housing policy and program design that offers value for Manitobans, and support improved housing outcomes for low to moderate-income households.

Department staff have scheduled consultation sessions throughout Manitoba. Please see attached for locations, dates and times. I invite you to select the session location that is most convenient for you. Your knowledge and professional expertise make your participation in this session key to our success.

In the event you are unable to attend a session, please indicate if you intend to delegate a representative with housing policy expertise from your organization, or if you intend to provide a written submission. Due to limited space please send only one representative from your organization.

I have attached an outline of key discussion points for the session. This outline can be used to prepare for the consultation session or assist with a written submission in the event you cannot attend.

Please RSVP by the corresponding date for your preferred session, by phone at 204-945-4075 or by email at [HousingConsultation@gov.mb.ca](mailto:HousingConsultation@gov.mb.ca).

Thank you in advance for your valuable contributions. The results from the consultation will be shared with participants.

Regards,

  
Scott Fielding

## **Session Discussion Outline**

### Introduction

Please use this discussion summary to prepare for the consultation session or assist you with a written submission, should you be unable to attend.

### Objectives for consultation

Capture stakeholder input to shape and inform the development of a Provincial housing strategy that

responds to housing challenges and pressures

reflects the full range of Manitoba Housing's responsibilities, including homelessness, and

Build upon and strengthen the existing relationship between Government of Manitoba, other governments, and housing stakeholders to facilitate policy and program development beyond the period of consultation.

### Key themes for discussion

Addressing Homelessness

Condition of Existing Social and Affordable Housing

Affordability of Housing

Existing and Potential Homeowners

### Key discussion questions

What aspects of housing policy and programming are currently working well?

What gaps currently exist and what aspects require reconsideration?

What are your priority areas and housing options?

What is the role of the Province and what is the role of stakeholders and partner organizations to address priority areas and housing solutions?

**SESSION DATES, PLACES AND TIMES**

<b>City / Town</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>RSVP by</b>
Selkirk	Selkirk United Church	Oct 14	1-4pm	Oct 11
Thompson	Best Western Hotel	Oct 17	1-4pm	Oct 12
Winnipeg	Chalmers community centre	Oct 19	1-4pm	Oct 12
Brandon	Riverbank Discovery Centre	Oct 26	1-4pm	Oct 19
Winnipeg	Bourkevale Community Club	Oct 27	9-noon	Oct 20
Morden	Morden Friendship Centre	Oct 28	1-4pm	Oct 21
Dauphin	Dauphin Recreation Centre	Nov 1	1-4pm	Oct 25
The Pas	The Pas Library	Nov 2	1-4pm	Oct 26