



April 2017 Newsletter

Building Partnerships 2017
The 5th Annual MNPCHA Conference

SAVE THE DATE!
Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association Conference
November 22 & 23, 2017
Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg, MB

Conference planning is underway and we are **looking for some folks to join our Planning Committee**. Our meetings are short (about 90 minutes once per month), they are fun (we laugh a lot!) and they are productive (we plan some great initiatives for our members).

If you are outside of Winnipeg, that is considered an asset - we are trying hard to avoid that age old 'Perimeteritis' ailment and can make it possible for you to contribute via conferencing and email.

If you can share your expertise and ideas with the Committee, please be in touch with Rhonda at 204.797.6746 or by email at execdir@mnpha.com.

SPRING IS HERE - TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN MNPCHA

MNPCHA's annual membership drive is underway. Existing members will be receiving renewal forms in the mail during April.

Membership forms for both returning and new members are also available on the [MNPCHA website](http://mnpha.com).

Membership fees remain the same as last year.



**FEDERAL BUDGET TOWN HALL
MEETING
Free Event - April 12, 2017**



Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness & CHRA invite you to a virtual town hall on Budget 2017 with Adam Vaughan, MP.

Date / Time: Wednesday, April 12 @ 12:15 Eastern

Duration: 90 minutes

To register for the meeting, [click HERE](#).

**HOW CAN WINNIPEG REDUCE POVERTY?
Help us tell Mayor Bowman and Council what matters.**

Come and inform the city on what they should be doing to reduce poverty in Winnipeg. Social Planning council is hosting consultations.

Contact info@spcw.mb.ca or 204-943-2561

April 4, 6-8pm
6-4910 Roblin Blvd

April 6, 6-8pm
2724 Pembina Hwy

Read more on why Winnipeg needs a poverty reduction strategy <http://www.metronews.ca/news/winnipeg/2017/03/20/winnipeg-needs-a-poverty-reduction-plan-advocates-say.html>

MNPFA AGM - SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday June 7, 2017

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the MNPFA Annual General Meeting.



In addition to the regular business, the meeting will feature an education session: Introduction to Capital Planning.

Location and time TBA in the May newsletter.

**GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHING
END OF OPERATING AGREEMENTS**

Sarah Cooper, MNPFA member, is researching

the implications of the expiring social housing operating agreements in Manitoba. She is conducting interviews with staff and board members of nonprofit and cooperative housing providers to understand how housing organizations are responding to the end of their operating agreements.



If you are interested in knowing more or participating in her research, please contact her at sarah.e.v.cooper@gmail.com or 312-647-5198.

Sarah is a PhD Candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research focuses on the expiring social housing operating agreements and the implications for housing policy in Canada. Originally from Toronto, Sarah has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from York University and a Master of City Planning from the University of Manitoba.

MNPHA relies on evidence and research to inform our work of advocating for and supporting our non-profit housing provider members. Supporting research like Sarah's gives us information that we use for developing best practice and for advocating with government on your behalf. Your willingness to support Sarah's research is appreciated by MNPHA and her findings will be shared with our members at the 2017 MNPHA Building Partnerships Conference in November.

Manitoba Hydro Affordable Energy Program

The Affordable Energy Program makes it easy to save energy, improve the comfort of your home and save money.

Qualifying homeowners or home renters with a lower income may be eligible to receive:

- Free in-home review;
- Free basic energy efficiency such as LED bulbs, low-flow showerheads, and faucet aerators
- Free insulation, including the cost of materials and installation;
- A new high efficiency natural gas furnace for only \$9.50/month for 5 years (a total of only \$570) or a \$3000 rebate towards the purchase of a qualifying high efficiency natural gas boiler.

By upgrading your insulation you will save on your energy bill for years to come. Replacing your furnace can reduce your heating bill and will give you peace of mind knowing your furnace won't break down during winter.

For more information visit www.hydro.mb.ca/affordableenergy, email affordableenergy@hydro.mb.ca, or call 1-855-360-3643

