



## June 2017 Newsletter

### MNPHA Annual General Meeting

Just over 50 MNPHA members participated in the Annual General Meeting and Education Event on Wednesday, June 7.

The event included workshops on Capital Planning and Policy Development as well as the annual meeting where members participate in the governance of the organization.



Highlights from the AGM include:

- Incumbent MNPHA board members Karl Falk, Joanne Schmidt and Paulette Simkins were re-elected to the Board for an additional three year term expiring at the AGM in 2020. Also elected to the Board was Gordon Westley from Chesterfield Housing. He was also elected for a three year term expiring in 2020. Welcome Gord - we look forward to working with you and benefiting from your expertise!
- Members at the AGM took action to amend the MNPHA bylaws to include a provision for Associate members to vote at future AGMs and for one seat on the Board to be filled by an Associate. At our next AGM, an Associate member will be able to be elected to the Board. In addition, Corporate members now may also be represented on the Board in an advisory, non-voting capacity.
- Mike Yosyk from MYPD Accounting walked members through MNPHA's financial report review. He assured members that MNPHA is in a healthy financial position with no concerns at this time about sustainability or viability of the organization. Thanks again to all those who attended the event!

### Meet MNPHA's Newest Board Member: Gordon Westley

Gordon has served on the Board of Directors of Chesterfield Housing for the past twelve years. He served as the Secretary/Treasurer on the Board for three years and is currently the Board Chairperson, a position he has held for the past five years.



He is also the Project Manager for Chesterfield Housing's new building project, Kinsmen Place, which will feature forty-five one bedroom units of safe, affordable housing for persons who are aged 55 plus.

In addition to serving Chesterfield Housing, Gord has been an active Kinsman in clubs across Canada for thirty years.

Gord has been elected to the MNPFA Board of Directors at the recent Annual General Meeting for a three year term expiring in 2020. Welcome Gord!

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## Order Mini Bins Free of Charge!

Recycle Everywhere is offering Mini Bins to all Manitoba multi-family dwellings free of charge.

The Mini Bin is a small-sized recycling bin designed to fit under a kitchen sink or somewhere else convenient in living spaces such as apartments or condos.

There are limited quantities available so order soon for units in your buildings. Bins will be shipped directly to you at no cost.

To order:

[info@recycleeverywhere.ca](mailto:info@recycleeverywhere.ca) or 204-942-2284



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## Preferred Pricing Available for Building Condition Assessment Reports



MNPFA is pleased to announce that its members are being offered preferential pricing of \$2,500 + GST for Building Condition Assessment Reports initiated in 2017 through **HLC Consulting Ltd.**

As an additional incentive, **Assiniboine Credit Union** is offering a grant of \$2,000 to offset the cost of a BCA Report for any BCA-related capital projects financed through the credit union.

- Grants are limited to five members in 2017 and are available on a first-come basis.
- Members who have received a BCA grant within the past five years are not eligible to apply
- Capital projects must commence within 12 months of receiving the BCA

Report.

- Applicants must be active members of MNPHA or CHF

Deadline for applications is December 31, 2017. For more information, please contact:

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**Grant Application Form [[click here](#)]**



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## CHRA Urban and Rural Indigenous Housing Survey Reveals Key Challenges for Indigenous Housing in Canada



The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA) has released the results of a benchmarking survey conducted of 51 urban and rural Indigenous housing providers across Canada. The survey was a first of its kind initiative to examine the employment, financial, and operational characteristics of urban and rural Indigenous housing providers.

Some of the highlights of the survey results included the following:

- Roughly half of the Indigenous housing providers whose Operating Agreement had expired stated the impact was negative.
- Amongst respondents, the number of units that were designated Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) units declined by 1100, and new higher minimum rents are being established.
- Some organizations reported that up to 25% of their housing stock is not habitable due to inability to perform necessary repairs.
- Respondents indicated that employment in the urban and rural Indigenous housing sector has remained stable, although smaller providers indicated that hiring and training qualified staff, particularly Indigenous staff, remains a challenge.

"The findings of this survey reinforce the need for a distinct urban and rural Indigenous housing strategy in conjunction with the National Housing Strategy to be released this fall," stated Robert Byers, Chair of the CHRA Indigenous Caucus. "Although some housing providers are better positioned than others, it is clear that the impact of End of Operating Agreements on Indigenous housing providers and their tenants will be disastrous unless policies and programs are put in place to address the situation".

For more information, download the full text of the report:

[English version](#) / [French version](#).

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## Events of Interest in June

### **Shaping Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy: Public Forum**

June 12: 5 - 8 PM

Winnipeg Harvest 1085 Winnipeg Avenue

To reserve a seat:

[meaghan.erbus@winnipeg Harvest.org](mailto:meaghan.erbus@winnipeg Harvest.org) / 204-982-3675

### **City of Winnipeg Housing Speaker Series - Refugee Housing Panel Discussion**

June 14: 6 - 8 PM

Millennium Library: Carol Shields Auditorium

To register: [speakerseries@winnipeg.ca](mailto:speakerseries@winnipeg.ca) / 204-986-2636



Please note: Deadline to register for both events is June 9.

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## CMHC Releases 2017 Seniors Housing Report

Space in senior's retirement homes has become a little easier to find in Manitoba in 2017

according to a recently released CMHC Survey.

According to the 2017 Seniors Housing Report

4.0 percent of standard spaces across the province are vacant compared to 2.7 percent in 2016.



Despite the improvement, vacancy rates in Manitoba remain below what they were in 2015. As well, Manitoba's vacancy rates remain the lowest of all the provinces.

Other results indicate that:

- vacancy rates are lower in Winnipeg than other parts of the province
- the lower the monthly cost of a standard space, the lower the vacancy rate

For more information, click [HERE](#) to read the full report

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## Nominations open for 2017 Spirit of Housing Awards

It's time to start thinking about who you might nominate for one or more of the three Spirit of Housing Awards presented annually by MNPFA.



Awards are presented in three categories: leadership, service and achievement.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is October 2, 2017. The awards will be presented at the Building Partnerships conference in November.

To access our awards info package and access downloadable nominations forms, [CLICK HERE](#).