

“Let’s Keep Connected!”



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2013 Conference Planning Has Begun!

Special points of interest:

- CHRA Conference in Ottawa May 1-3, 2013
- New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association Conference May 8-11 in Moncton
- LTCAM 10th Annual Provincial Conference May 14, 2013 Wpg. MB
- BOOST 3 Day Leadership Development Camp on May 29, 30 and 31, 2013 Wpg, MB

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What a great 2012 MNPHA Conference and Gala Dinner! Thank you to all of those that volunteered to make our first annual event a smashing success.

Planning as recently began for the next upcoming Conference. The venue will remain the same at The Victoria Inn and Convention Centre and the dates will be November 21 & 22, 2013.

MNPHA plans on keeping the “Let’s Get Together” theme although this year it looks as if we will have many sessions on Safety. Life Safety, Safety for Buildings, Boards, Staff, Tenants and our Communities both within our buildings and their surrounding areas.

There have just been two initial meetings for the Educa-

tion Committee so if you are interested please let us know. Other Committees that are looking for members is the Exhibitor Committee, Sponsorship Committee, Marketing and the Awards Committee.



Volunteers needed for the 2013 Planning Committees.

The meetings are filled with great ideas and inspiration, they allow you to get to know others in your sector you may not have met. The criteria is basically an individual from a Membership group with a genuine interest in assisting in creating a won-

derful event. Volunteers of the Conference Committee also have the “perk” of one free conference registration (non transferable).

Please contact Dianna Mae (204) 797-6746 or by email at dhocaluk@MNPHA.com

She can advise you when the next meeting of your choice is and if there are any new Committees beginning. That may interest you.

Meetings are generally held once a month for around an hour at a convenient location but may become a little more frequent just prior to the event. The Chair of each Committee meets monthly to report the status of their duties. Please consider participating!

Becoming a truly inclusive Association

Thank you to all of you that have joined our Association and shown your support in so many ways.

I would also just like to thank the Thompson Housing Agency and the Thompson Community Renewal Corporation for inviting me to tour and meet the players of the Affordable Housing Sector in their area.

MNPHA is proud to have so many members from outside of Winnipeg. We want all voices to be heard.

Workshops can be held on a variety of topics in your area choose; Board Governance, Pest Control, Residential Tenancy Board.... They can be held for Staff, Board and Volunteers. We

require a group of at least 15 and a couple of weeks notice.

Our last Workshop was in Brandon where we covered End of Operating Agreements and Business Continuity Planning. Thank you to those that attended and presenters Elise Downing and Marc Sheridan.

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Spirit of Housing Awards 2012

At the 2012 Gala Dinner three awards were presented.

The first being The Spirit of Service Award this was presented to Bernice Marmel as quoted by her nominator Pete Sanderson; whom has known her since 1974 "Bernice is an extraordinary Manitoban with a record of continuous service to the community".

The second; The Spirit of Achievement Award was presented to the Bethel Place Activities Club. This Club goes over and beyond expectations providing services and activities to the residents of Bethel Place. They are all volunteers striving for building community and capacity.

Our final award the Harry Lehotsky Award of Leadership was presented to MNPHA. This ceremony began with a video (provided by Global TV) showing the story of Harry's work in Winnipeg. The barriers he crossed and the successes for him, his community and those around him. He was a great man with greater dreams. MNPHA was honored to have Harry's Family present the award to our us in turn to Annually present to a Leader of the Affordable Housing Sector in his name.



The Spirit of Housing Awards are presented at the Gala Dinner.

NOMINATIONS

All three categories for the 2013 Awards are open! Please see the website to nominate a Person or Group you think are deserving!

NEW Asset Management Software soon Available

MNPHA is currently working with AMERESCO to bring an incredible tool to our members. The Capital Planning and Asset Management software can provide current data on prices and planning to extend the life of your building or buildings. It can be used for individual houses, townhouses, co-ops, apartments or entire portfolios. This software is state of the art although user friendly. It has components where you

add pictures of your property, boiler, windows whatever you wish to document, you can then add the year they were last replaced the most recent price you paid and the data is calculated on when they should next be considered for replacement and the potential capital you need for that time.

The data can show what needs to be done on a critical

to poor to a good evaluation. It can also provide your Board of Directors and Funders reports on the status of your building at any given time, for example in year fifteen we need to replace At a price of approximately Therefore we must be sure our reserve funds have this amount at this time.

We will keep you updated on this new exciting program!

Provincial housing plan will add 1,000 affordable units in three years



Housing and Community Development Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross announces the Manitoba government's plan on April 19, 2013 to build 1,000 new rental units.

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The provincial government's Budget 2013 includes a plan to build 1,000 new affordable rental housing units over the next three years.

Half of the new units will be social housing.

The new units are in addition to the 3,000 affordable and social units the province hopes to have added by 2014 through its HOMEworks! program.

The province will also introduce an eight per cent tax credit to encourage the private sector to build more apartments.

The NDP plans to spend \$100 million over the next three years to restore and redevelop Manitoba Housing units.

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New 45-Unit Apartment Building to be Developed in Winnipeg

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A new 45-unit apartment building in Winnipeg will provide safe, affordable homes for families and for adults with mental health challenges. The building will be jointly funded by the Governments of Canada and Manitoba and will be operated by Eden Health Care Services Inc.

The new project will be located at the corner of Molson Street and Kimberly Avenue in Winnipeg's East Kildonan area.

Manitoba's Housing and Community Development Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross, and Lawrence Toet, Member of Parliament for Elmwood-Transcona, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), made the funding announcement today.

"Safe and supportive housing is one of the most urgent needs of all Manitobans," said Irvin-Ross. "By providing affordable new housing for those who need it most we build a stronger, healthier community. This project is a good example of what can be accomplished when governments and communities work together."

"Through investments in affordable housing, the Government of Canada is providing assistance to those who need it most here in Manitoba and in all corners of the country," said MP Toet.

"These investments help create new jobs and stimulate the local economy, while providing access to safe, affordable homes for Canadian seniors, families and individuals."

Eden Health Care Services Inc. is a private non-profit corporation that offers mental health and housing programs as well as professional counselling services in five rural communities and Winnipeg. Eden is owned and governed by the Mennonite Churches of Manitoba and provides core mental health services. The proposed design incorporates features that will make the building accessible to residents with mobility issues. The project will include 19 one-bedroom units, 14 two-bedroom units and 12 three-bedroom units. Construction is expected to begin in the summer.

"Eden Health Care Services recognizes the importance of safe, affordable housing as a key contributor to good mental health," said Glen Klassen, Board Chair, Eden Health Care Services. "Housing with appropriate supports allows for the most positive experience of community. The most effective housing projects are those where appropriate supports are built into the apartment community and experienced in an integrated and supportive way."

The Government of Canada and Manitoba will provide joint funding of \$11.9 million to help develop 45 units of affordable housing for families and adults in Winnipeg. The funding comes as a result of the \$62 million Investment in Affordable Housing 2011-2014 Agreement between the Governments of Canada and Manitoba. The Province of

Manitoba will use the funds under the new agreement to build more affordable housing and upgrade existing housing to ensure low-income Manitobans will have safe, stable homes.

The Government of Canada, through CMHC, will invest approximately \$2 billion in housing this year. Of this amount, \$1.7 billion will be spent in support of almost 605,000 households living in existing social housing. In Manitoba, this represents some 40,700 households. These investments are improving the quality of life for low-income Canadians and households living in existing social housing, including individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, seniors, persons with disabilities, recent immigrants and Aboriginal people.

HOMEWorks! is Manitoba's long-term housing strategy. Under this strategy, the province, through Manitoba Housing and Community Development continues to make significant investments in social and affordable housing. The province has committed to developing of 1,500 affordable housing units across the province and is well underway towards the construction of over 1,000 of these homes. HOMEWorks! supports ALL Aboard, Manitoba's poverty-reduction strategy, by increasing the supply of quality, affordable housing for low-income Manitobans. More information about HOMEWorks! is available at www.gov.mb.ca/housing.

Source: <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca>

****MNPHA is proud to say Eden Health Care is a Member of our Association.****

MNPHA Membership

At this time we have over 75 Members of our Association. They vary from Housing Providers, Community Groups, Support Services, Government Agencies, Individuals and Businesses.

As we are a member driven association we need you to help us build our web of contacts, partners and supports. We need to hear what the issues are from staffing & tenants to cost of replacements and funding issues.

Our current membership has many that have been in the Affordable Housing Sector for years and have heard and seen it all. They are a wealth of information and we encourage you to get to know these individuals through our events, Conference and Annual General Meetings or our Head Office.

Our Association is just beginning to grow, please participate and help us build

a Strong Respected Voice for the Affordable Housing Sector.

****Please note that Housing Providers that have a Portfolio Officer from Manitoba Housing may qualify to have their membership fees covered by their Budget.****

Looking for Committee Members!
Conference Committee
Membership Committee
Policy & Development
Aboriginal Housing
Fundraising
Golf Tournament

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MNPHA is the voice of the Affordable Housing Sector in Manitoba to ensure all households have access to safe, secure and affordable housing.



We are on the Web!

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MNPHA benefits of membership include:

- △ Board & Staff training and workshops on topics such as legal obligations, pest control, Replacement Reserve planning and investing, Roles and Responsibilities
- △ Supplier discounts, bulk purchasing.
- △ Discounted Insurance rates for D&O, Commercial Property and Employee Benefits.
- △ Early registration and discounts for the Annual Conference and Trade Show.
- △ Advocacy at Town, City, Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels.
- △ MNPHA representation on a wide variety of housing programs and diverse needs, including but not limited to senior, family and individual housing, homelessness, and related residential tenancy practices and regulations.
- △ Newsletter including new member profiles, announcements of upcoming industry related events and networking opportunities.
- △ Website to share information Province wide, host a membership directory, upcoming educational opportunities and special events.
- △ Access to industry reports and research.

We Want to Hear from YOU!



If you have a story, an article or just something you want to share with the membership and all those that read our newsletter please submit in word format within the month prior to the Newsletter publication

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