



December 2018 Newsletter

MNPHA Member Resources



Cannabis Legalization and Housing Providers

We heard from our members that a legal opinion with recommendations on permitting or prohibiting cannabis use in non-profit housing would be a valuable member service. We therefore put together a legal brief on cannabis legalization as an overview of the legislation and summary of options for housing providers. It was sent to all members on Tuesday, December 4.

Didn't receive it? Contact Christina at execdir@mnpa.com



Holiday Celebration Ideas?

The holiday season is coming quickly. Holiday celebrations can be a great way to celebrate your employees' and volunteers' contributions over the past year.

We have a quick and easy poll for you to share what you are doing to celebrate the holidays. Once you enter your response, you can view what others have said.

Click [here](#) to share your ideas.



Experience the Benefits of People

MNPHA's partnership with People Corporation to provide group benefits has now been in place for just over one year. Kyle McFadyen from People Corporation will be reaching out to members throughout December and January to gauge interest and discuss the MNPHA Employee Benefits Program.

Whether you already have a program and want to compare pricing, or are evaluating implementing a program for the first time, getting a quote is quick and easy.

The more members who join, the more administrative costs will be reduced, which in turn, lowers rates for everyone participating. MNPHA believes this service will support our members to provide high-quality, affordable benefits to those working in non-profit housing.

To learn more, contact Kyle at People First, by [e-mail](#) or [204.940.3937](tel:204.940.3937)

[Learn More About MNPHA Group Benefits](#)

MNPHA Events

Indigenous Housing Provider Forum Summary

On November 27, urban and rural Indigenous Housing Providers gathered at the annual Indigenous Housing Provider Forum.

The forum was an opportunity for Indigenous housing providers to share information and ideas with each other, learn about upcoming or changing programs/strategies of government, and provide feedback to partners at MB Housing and CMHC. This year, we also had a workshop on Governance for managers and board members as part of the Indigenous Housing Provider Support Project.

A summary of the Forum discussion and presentations is available [here](#)

Indigenous Housing Provider Forum

Our Topics

Tuesday, November 27
9:00am-4:00pm
Canad Inns Polo Park

The poster features a background image of a modern building facade. It includes three circular icons: the first shows a stylized house and the text "manitobahousing"; the second shows a house icon and the text "NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY"; the third shows a group of diverse people sitting around a table.

Government Relations



Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Housing Conference November, 2018

MNPHA joined partners and colleagues in the housing sector for CMHC's first National Housing Conference in Ottawa, November

21-22, 2018. Conference materials will be available online in the coming month, [here](#).

Here are MNPHA's top 4 takeaways from the conference:

1. **We need to address inequality if we want to address Canada's housing challenges.** Wealth and income inequality are growing around the world, and are driving housing costs. In cities where inequality is growing rapidly (London, Vancouver, Toronto), and there are not regulations in place to protect housing and those living in it, housing costs have become out-of-reach for even middle-income residents.
2. **We need to work collaboratively and across sectors to address Canada's housing challenges.** The non-profit housing sector is ready and able to continue providing good, affordable housing to those who need it. However, because many of Canada's housing challenges are driven by those things that are out of the control of non-profit housing providers (financialization of housing markets, wealth inequality, displacement), we must understand the causes of and solutions to housing need in a broader context.
3. **The right to housing matters.** A legislated right to housing will preserve Federal involvement in housing over the long-term, and provide accountability mechanisms to ensure all governments act towards fulfilling their commitments under international human rights laws and treaties.
4. **CMHC has adopted a major strategic goal.** The CMHC Board of Directors had recently approved a new corporate-wide objective, which is that by 2030, all people living in Canada have access to affordable housing that meets their needs.

News and Updates



Nominate an Exceptional Individual or Organization for an Award of Recognition

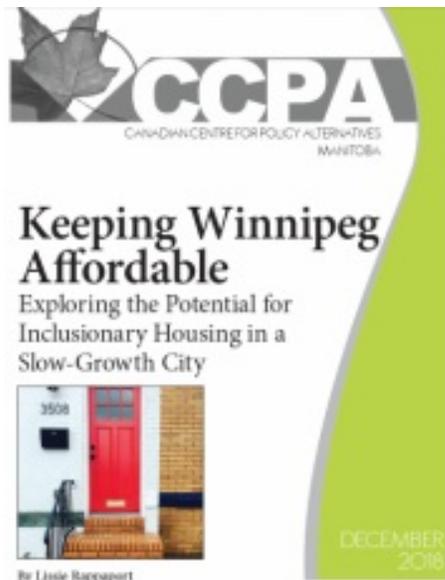
Each year the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA) honours and pays tribute to outstanding individuals and organizations that excel at providing safe

and affordable housing to all people living in Canada. Nominations for the four CHRA National Awards of Recognition are now open.

Nominate a deserving candidate today, and let's celebrate the outstanding achievements taking place in the social, non-profit and affordable housing sector!

More information, including nomination instructions, eligibility and award description, is available [here](#). To submit a nomination for most awards, you must be a member in good standing

Deadline: December 14, 2018



Research Report: Inclusionary Housing in a Slow-Growth City like Winnipeg

In Winnipeg, there is a need for more affordable housing, as 21 percent of households (64,065 households) are living in unaffordable housing--according to CMHC's definition of spending more than 30 percent of income on shelter. This report examines to case studies in two American cities and how their experience could help shape an Inclusionary Housing model in Winnipeg.

[Download the Report](#)

Job Board

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

The Job Board is located under the Resources tab on the [MNPFA website](#).

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

execdir@mnpfa.com



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