



November 2018 Newsletter

MNPCHA Events

Save the Date! Indigenous Housing Provider Forum November 27, 2018

The annual Indigenous Housing Provider forum will take place at CanadInns Polo Park from 9am-4pm on November 27, 2018.

The forum is 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 will also have a workshop on Governance, Bylaws, and Organizational Policy Development for managers and board members as part of the Indigenous Housing Provider Support Project.

The forum is open to employees or Board members of Indigenous organizations who provide affordable and non-profit housing. Registration is free for up to 3 representatives of MNPCHA Member organizations, \$50/person for non-members.

To learn more or to register, contact Christina at execdir@mnpcha.com or (204)797-6746.



Building Partnerships
2018 The 6th Annual MNPCHA Conference

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2018 Building Partnerships Conference

The 6th annual Building Partnerships conference was a great success, because of our

members, our sponsors, and our volunteers. Almost 125 people gathered in Brandon, MB to learn and to network. You can check our website or click on items below to view videos from the conference and download presentations from the educational sessions.

For those who attended, remember to submit your photos from the event to execdir@mnpha.com by November 15, 2018, to be in the running to win a free conference registration in 2019.

Whether you were able to attend or not, please click the link below to complete a feedback survey. We need your input so 2019 can be bigger and better!

**Attended the Conference? Fill
in this survey**

**Didn't Attend the
Conference?
Fill in this survey**

**Download Presentations from
Educational Sessions**

Celebrating the Western Manitoba Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-Op

The Western Manitoba Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-Op, who just celebrated their grand opening in October, 2018, had nine of their Board Members participate in the conference this year!

Sending a team from your organization is the best way to share learning and is a great team building event. Next year, we will be introducing group rates into the conference to recognize the value of involving multiple volunteers and Board members in group learning.



**Spirit of Housing
Awards, 2018**

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The Spirit of Housing Awards celebrate our leaders' successes and achievements. The awards were presented at the 6th Annual Building Partnerships Conference held October 15-16, 2018, in Brandon, Manitoba. Awards were

presented by Laurie Socha, MNPFA President and Joanne Schmidt, Chair of the Awards Committee. MNPFA is proud of our members. We know you're proud of each other, and we thank everyone who submitted nominations for this year's awards.

New this year: Spirit of Community Award

Honours an individual or organization whose significant support and committed partnership have contributed towards building a thriving, sustainable non-profit housing sector in Manitoba

2018: Assiniboine Credit Union

Spirit of Achievement Award

Honors tenants each year from across the province who help to make their non-profit a better place to live

2018: Victoria Seniors' Association

- 2017 - Charles Huband, Westminster Housing Society
- 2016 - Carriage House North Volunteer Residents
- 2014 - Fred Douglas Place Residents' Association & Council
- 2013 - Dawn Sands
- 2012 - Bethel Place Activities Club

Spirit of Service Award

Honors an employee or volunteer each year from across the province who helps to make their non-profit a better place to live

2018: Donna Breen (posthumously)

- 2017 - Janette Brown, Western Manitoba Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-op, Brandon
- 2016 - Hart Kapitloer
- 2014 - Sara Riel Inc., Diane Lau
- 2013 - Darrell Jones
- 2012 - Bernice Marmel

Harry Lehotsky Spirit of Leadership Award

Honors an individual whose energy and vision contribute to the cause of non-profit housing in Manitoba.

2018: James Friesen

- 2017 - Menno Peters
- 2016 - George Taylor (posthumously)
- 2014 - Ken Cassin
- 2013 - Joe Redpath and Ken Murdoch
- 2012 - Harry Lehostky



Spirit of Housing Award Winners: Spirit of Community Assiniboine Credit Union (Bill Dinsdale); Spirit of Service Donna Breen (posthumously); Spirit of Achievement Victoria Seniors Association (Pat Harrison); Spirit of Leadership James Friesen

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Government Relations

October 23, 2018



MNPHA joined its partners at the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association at its annual Housing on the Hill Day, to meet with Members of Parliament regarding housing.

Christina of MNPHA, along with Kevin Albers of the M'akola Group and Stephan Corriveau of Réseau Québécois des OSBL D'Habitation, met with Members of Parliament Dan Vandal and Georgina Jolibois, NDP Critic for Indigenous Services, on key housing issues:

1. **The need to preserve the existing stock of social and non-profit housing through continued support for housing providers.** This includes maintaining rent subsidies over the long-term so that the good housing we have built remains affordable to those who need it.
2. **The need to increase the supply of social, non-profit, affordable, and supportive housing.** While the National Housing Strategy provides funding for housing development, there is more that is needed if we want to end homelessness and ensure housing is available for those who need it.
3. **The urgency to develop and implement an urban, rural, and northern Indigenous Housing Strategy.** The Federal government has not yet committed to co-creating a "For Indigenous, By Indigenous" housing strategy for Indigenous people who live in urban, rural, and northern areas of Canada (over 70% of Indigenous people). We cannot say we have moved towards achieving a right to housing in Canada until we close the gap in housing standards and living conditions between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.
4. **Fulfilling the government's pledge to legislate a Right to Housing.** 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.

Affordable Housing in Manitoba Municipalities

Manitoba's municipal elections took place October 24, 2018.

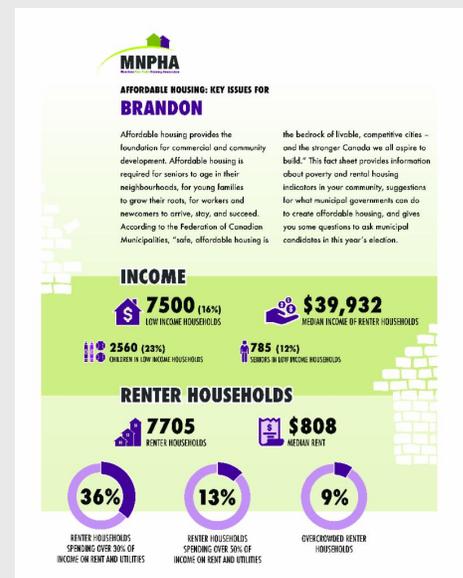
Cities can be strong advocates and partners for affordable housing. They can develop plans, provide funding, and implement regulations that support an increase in affordable housing.

[You can watch the "Munchies with the Mayors" panel](#), held October 15, 2018 with five mayors or former mayors on affordable housing to get municipal leaders' perspectives on affordable housing.

MNPHA developed fact sheets on affordable housing in nine of Winnipeg's largest municipalities. We hope members will use them to engage with elected representatives after the election, to work together on meeting Manitoba's affordable housing needs.

Download the Key Issues in Affordable Housing for your community below:

[Brandon](#)
[Dauphin](#)



[Flin Flon](#)
[Portage la Prairie](#)
[Selkirk](#)
[Steinbach](#)
[Thompson](#)
[Winkler](#)
[Winnipeg](#)

If you want to compare rental housing data in your community to others, you can use the [Canadian Rental Housing Index](#).

News and Updates



Request for Proposals: Housing Development on Vacant Lots in Winnipeg

The City of Winnipeg is currently accepting proposals from proponents regarding the sale of vacant City-owned lots in the William Whyte neighbourhood. To be eligible, a proponent must be a not-for-profit organization whose mandate is to provide affordable housing to qualified households. Lots will be sold at not less than 50% of assessed value, and must be used for development of new affordable housing.

The City currently owns 14 vacant lots in the William Whyte neighbourhood, which can be developed with new infill housing. Developments can be single-family detached housing, duplex or side-by-side, multiple-family or where appropriate, mixed-use (mix of commercial and residential). A list of currently available lots and information regarding each of those lots is listed in the Bid Opportunity 901-2018, which can be found [here](#).

Proposals are due Friday, November 30 at 4:00 p.m. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dave Dessens: ddessens@winnipeg.ca or (204) 986-3334.



Now accepting
applications for 2019

Learning, leadership development and mentorship
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Housing Professionals Mentorship Program

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association's Housing Professional Mentorship Program connects experienced housing professionals with those who are ready to take the next step in their professional journey, or graduate students whose research is focused on housing or homelessness in Canada. The 2019 program will run from January to June and accept 45 mentor/mentee matches.

To participate in the Housing Professionals Mentorship Program, you (or your organization) must be a member of Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA),

CIH Canada, or Housing Partnership Canada (HPC) in good standing. Potential mentees must currently be employed in the housing/homelessness sector or in a graduate program doing research on housing or homelessness. Mentors may be employed or recently retired from the sector.

The deadline for applications for both mentors and mentees has been extended to November 7, 2018. [Learn more](#)

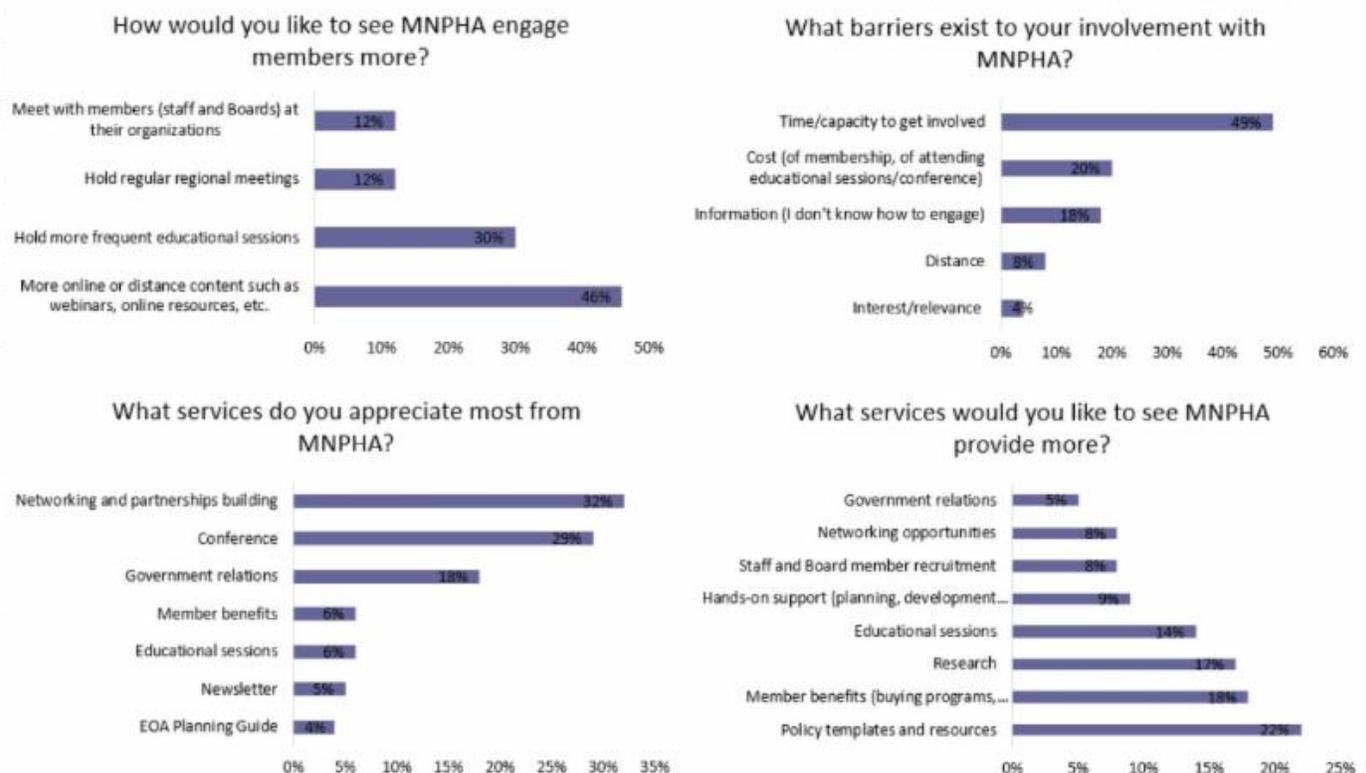
MNPHA Member Resources

MNPHA Member Feedback: Building a Stronger Housing Association Together

On October 16, the panel "Voices for Affordable Housing: What Housing Associations Can Achieve Together" provided a glimpse into housing associations across Canada, with live polling to hear from you on what you want to see MNPHA achieve.

The full video of the panel can be viewed [here](#)

Your feedback is important to us, and will help us continue to grow MNPHA together. Members suggested more online content and webinars, so we will work to expand this capacity in the coming months. Members also wanted more policy templates/manuals. You will see in this newsletter that we developed a policy brief related to cannabis legalization. Did you know that our partnership with People First HR Services can provide access to affordable and easy to use Human Resource policy templates? Watch our newsletter in December for more information!



Cannabis Legalization and Housing Providers

The Building Partnerships Conference featured Marc Unger



from MLT Aikins and Avrom Charach from the Professional Property Managers Association speaking about marijuana legalization. You can download MLT Aikins' presentation on the legal implications for housing providers [here](#).

One of our members has shared their policy with us. Please note, MNPFA has not had its own legal review of the policy and providers are encouraged to review the legislation independently before adopting it. Do you have a cannabis policy you can share with MNPFA members? Send it to execdir@mnpha.com.

[Winnipeg Condominium Corporation Policy](#)



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.

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@mnpha.com



Recent Postings

Kildonan Horizons, Inc.: Full-Time Building Manager

Kildonan Horizons is currently recruiting for the position of a FT BUILDING MANAGER for its Seniors Housing facility located at 505 Munroe Ave. This salaried position plays an important role in supporting all of our tenants and staff while maintaining the day-to-day operations of this building. As the successful candidate, you are a professional with a strong work ethic

dedicated to providing exceptional customer service. Strong problem-solving skills with attention to detail and deadlines while, being able to multi-task and prioritize the workload with your team are required. You possess exceptional English communication skills, both verbal and written. Responsibilities include: administration for tenant leasing, daily supervision of staff, ensuring the safety and security of the buildings as well as responding to tenant and staff concerns. In addition, this position oversees all building operations and maintenance for this building. Familiarity with QuickBooks and financial bookkeeping is an asset

You can view details [here](#)



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