



April 2019 Newsletter

MNPCHA Events



Building Security Brainstorm and Discussion



MNPCHA Members in Winnipeg have reported an increase in thefts, break-ins, and other safety or security incidents this past year. Winnipeggers are all challenged by increasing rates of crystal methamphetamine use in our city. We know our members have been finding ways to improve safety for their tenants and properties.

Join us for a round table discussion on your security challenges; we will brainstorm together what has worked, what hasn't, and what resources we can seek out to improve security.

When: May 1, 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: 30 Chesterfield Avenue, Winnipeg

Who: Employees and board members of MNPCHA members. Registration is required.

This is a member-only event. If you are not a MNPCHA and would like to join, you can [find membership information here](#)

A light lunch will be provided at no cost.

Learn More and Register



Preparing Well for a Quick and Fun Annual General Meeting

The AGM is an opportunity to celebrate your organization, its people, and its achievements over the past year. This workshop will prepare Boards of Directors for a well-designed, engaging AGM that they can look forward to. Attendees will leave the workshop with templates for agendas, minutes, and speaking notes that will keep their AGMs quick and fun for years to come.

When: April 16, 6pm-8:30pm (light dinner served at 5:30, optional)

Where: Sargent Tommy Prince Place, 90 Sinclair Ave., Winnipeg

Who: Board Members or staff of organizations who plan AGMs

- \$50 for the first person for MNPFA member organization, \$25 for each additional person (must be fully paid members in the 2019/20 membership year)
- \$100/person for non-members

Register by April 12, 2019

[Learn More and Register](#)



Building
Partnerships
2019

The 7th Annual
Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association
Conference

SAVE THE DATE
November 18-19
CanadInns Polo Park
www.mnpfa.com/conference

MNPFA Member Resources

Welcome New MNPFA Members!

We have a number of new members who joined MNPFA for the 2019/20 Membership year. Welcome to MNPFA:

- **S.H.A.D.E. Inc:** SHADE is a grassroots Second Stage Housing initiative. SHADE's mission is to provide safe housing and social services to immigrant and refugee women who have been impacted by intimate partner and/or family violence as they work to rebuild their lives and transition from a place of victimization to a place of confidence, healing, stability, and resiliency

- **Spence Neighbourhood Association:** The Spence Neighbourhood Association works with the people of Spence to revitalize and renew their community in the areas of Holistic Housing, Community Connecting, Community Economic Development, Environment and Open Spaces, and Youth & Families.
- **End Homelessness Winnipeg:** End Homelessness Winnipeg brings together all sectors of our community to work with people who are experiencing homelessness so that together we can prevent homelessness, support recovery and well-being, find suitable housing, and measure our success in ways that impact and transform our community and sustain change through collective action and hope.

We also have two new individual members, Angie Mojica and Baldur Nelson.

Membership renewal packages should have arrived in the mail for returning members.

If your organizational contact information has changed since last year, if you are not a member but would like to join, or if you did not receive your renewal information, please [e-mail Christina](#) or phone 204-797-6746.

**Learn About the Benefits of Membership
for Non-Profits / Businesses / Government
/ Individuals**

**Learn about the Benefits of
Membership for Housing Providers**

Affordable housing: what the future holds

As Federal social housing agreements begin to expire, the fate of affordable housing in some of Canada's biggest cities rests in the balance. Contemplating an end to the restrictions, owners lack the funds to plan and complete necessary improvements such as financing for significant capital upgrades. Key players, including owners and lenders like First National, are stepping in to ensure a level of continuity and availability for those in need.

[Continue reading about future of Affordable housing.](#)

Daniel Bragagnolo, Director, Commercial Mortgages leads First National's affordable housing team. A passionate advocate for the sector, he has delved deep into the intricacies of affordable housing and helped a number of providers successfully transition to a market based financing model. In Daniel's view, it pays to plan well ahead when thinking about future

financing and to start by assessing your various options.

[Connect with Daniel to discuss your situation.](#)

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Grand HVAC Leasing North American Housing Program

Grand HVAC Leasing ("GHL") is an industry leader at delivering water heating and HVAC program solutions for housing providers across North America, while maximizing on financial incentives. GHL employees and associates connect key stakeholders such as Manufacturers, Utilities, Contractors, and decision makers to provide customized solutions and unconventional financial solutions.

GHL provides bundled solutions to help housing providers make sound business decisions, backed by customized programs. Customers can proactively upgrade and enjoy immediate benefits, including:

- * Start saving by upgrading to higher efficient equipment now
- * Protect property by replacing aging and potentially leaking assets
- * Improve financials by taking advantage of cash and incentives
- * Reallocate capital to other needed projects
- * Offset monthly operating costs with incentives and energy savings

GHL provides consumer and commercial water heating and HVAC solutions on equipment such as boilers, make up air and roof top units, water softeners, space heaters, fireplaces, water heaters, and air conditioners. Multi-fuel source equipment rentals are also available.

Government Relations

Housing and the Federal Budget

The 2019 Federal Budget was released March 19. It contained few new announcements for non-profit and cooperative housing providers. The new or expanded funding that the sector will be able to access include:

- Expanding the Rental Construction Financing Initiative:
The existing [Rental Construction Financing Initiative](#) will be expanded to provide an additional \$10 billion over 9 years to finance the construction of new rental housing for modest and middle income Canadians. This program
- Sustainable Affordable Housing Innovation: Under the [Green Municipal Fund](#) administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, \$300 million over 1 year will be provided to finance and support affordable housing developments to improve energy efficiency in new and existing housing and support onsite energy generation.
- A new "Housing Supply Challenge": The Budget is providing \$300 million to launch a new Housing Supply Challenge. This Challenge will invite municipalities and other stakeholders to propose new ways to break down barriers that limit the creation of new housing. This will be a merit-based competition, with more information to be made available in summer 2019.

MNPHA will share more details about these initiatives when they are available.

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association has put together a full list of housing-related announcements in the 2019 Federal Budget, as well as analysis on what is missing [here](#)

MNPHA Members Bethania Group and Winnipeg Housing Partner with Manitoba Housing for Sponsor Management

Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation and Bethania Group were the successful proponents in Manitoba Housing's negotiated request for proposals for sponsor management for four MB Housing properties.

According to the Province of Manitoba news release, "This partnership creates an opportunity for community groups to grow and expand their capacity. Community organizations have the expertise and local connections to be ideal property managers, and we are confident these units will be well-managed and maintained for tenants for years to come."

[Read the article in CBC News](#)

[Read the Province of Manitoba News Release](#)

News and Updates



Nominations are Now Open for the Spirit of Housing Awards

The Spirit of Housing Awards celebrate our leaders' successes and achievements. The awards will be presented at the 7th Annual Building Partnerships Conference November 19, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Nomination deadline is September 15.

MNPHA's mission is to build a thriving, sustainable non-profit housing sector. We work together with our members to promote housing excellence through the MNPHA Awards. Spirit of Housing Awards recognize and reward individuals (staff, board members and tenants), groups and non-profits who have made an outstanding contribution to the quality of non-profit housing.

The four award categories are:

1. 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.

2. Spirit of Achievement Award Recognizes a tenant or tenants associated with an MNPHA housing provider member who made a meaningful contribution towards making their own non-profit a better place to live, the well being of their neighbourhood and fostered connections among tenants and others within their community.

3. Spirit of Service Award Honours an employee or volunteer that helped make their non-profit a better place to live and who serves as a model to employees and volunteers across Manitoba

4. Harry Lehotsky Spirit of Leadership Award Honours the memory of Harry Lehotsky, a long time champion and advocate of housing. It is given to a person in our community whose energy and vision has contributed a lasting legacy to the cause of non-profit housing in Manitoba.

[Learn more and nominate someone today](#)

Notice: MNPHA Annual General Meeting

**June 14, 2019, 12:45pm-1:15pm (workshop sessions to be held from 10am-3:00pm)
Masonic Memorial Centre; 420 Corydon Ave.
Winnipeg, MB**

MNPHA members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019. The AGM is held in conjunction with workshop sessions, more details and registration information will be provided by May 1, 2019.

At the AGM, members will hear highlights of MNPHA's 2018/19 fiscal year, approve the reviewed financial statements, appoint the Auditor for the 2019/20 financial year and elect Board Directors.

Three positions on the Board of Directors will be available to be filled/re-elected by voting members present at the AGM.

The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations from members for two positions. Ideally, these positions will be filled by representatives

in rural Manitoba.

If you wish to nominate a person to stand for election to the Board of Directors, please be in touch with MNPHA Executive Director, Christina Maes Nino at execdir@mnpha.com; 204-797-6746.

Your nominations will be forwarded to the Nominations Committee.

Job and Volunteer Board

Opportunities Board

The Bethania Group is hiring for 5 positions with the organization:

Building Manager - Country Club Blvd.

(Part-Time 0.5)

Building Manager - Fred Tipping Place (Full-Time)

Tenant Services Coordinator (Full-Time)

Live-in Caretaker - Fred Tipping Place (Full-Time)

Live-in Caretaker - Country Club Blvd.

(Full-Time)



Did you know that MNPHA's job postings are the most "clicked" item in our newsletter?

Do you have a position you are trying to fill in your organization? MNPHA is always accepting job and volunteer postings for display on its website.

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

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

execdir@mnpha.com



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