



June 2019 Newsletter

MNPCHA Events

Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association

AGM 2019

Workshops on:
Strong and Engaged Boards
Respectful Workplaces
Review of the National Housing Strategy

Register by June 7



June 14 | 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM | Winnipeg

MNPCHA members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019. At the AGM, members will hear highlights of MNPCHA'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.**

Ideally, two positions will be filled by representatives in rural Manitoba. To nominate yourself or someone else, please send a short description of yourself and your interest in participating on the board to execdir@mnpha.com by June 7.

Join us for a full day of engaging workshops:

10:00am-12:00pm: Chose one of two concurrent workshops:

- a. Strong and Engaged Boards: Now and into the Future
- b. Respectful Workplaces

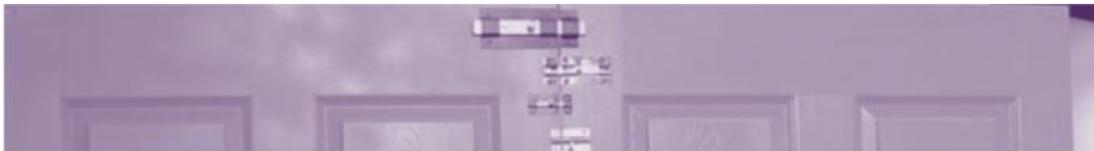
1:30pm-3:00pm - Plenary Session

A Year-in-Review of the National Housing Strategy

Registration for the full day is \$30/person for MNPHA members, \$50/person for non-members. Registration for the AGM only (excluding workshops and lunch) is no cost.

Register by June 7, 2019.

[Learn More and Register](#)



Building Security Panel Discussion



MNPHA Members in Winnipeg have reported an increase in thefts, break-ins, and other safety or security incidents this past year.

At our discussion in May, participants said they wanted to hear more from resource-people/organizations in Winnipeg. [You can view a summary from this event here.](#) This follow-up will provide suggestions for security assessments and interventions.

June 18, 11:30am-1:00pm at Bethel Place, 445 Stafford Street.

The agenda for the panel will include (some panelists are still being confirmed, a final agenda will be sent to participants in advance):

11:30am: Lunch

11:45am: Paladin Security (preventative measures, security assessments)

12:00pm: Winnipeg Police Services (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design; police resources available to housing providers)

12:15pm: Safer Neighbourhoods (intervention when there is drug dealing or gang

activity in a unit)

12:30pm: Residential Tenancies Branch (what landlords need to know about warnings and eviction processes for security/safety issues)

12:40: Questions and Discussion

This is a member-only event. The \$10 workshop fee covers the cost of a light lunch (including GST).

[Learn More and Register](#)



Building Partnerships

2019 The 7th Annual
MNPBA Conference



**Announcing Keynote Speaker: Adrienne Alford-Burt,
Executive Director, The Village Langley BC**

**Designing and Operating a Place that Promotes Meaning as
People Age**

Every person's fundamental desire to achieve well-being, purpose and fulfillment does not diminish with age or dementia. At The Village, residents are not seen as dementia patients; they see the person and their story first. Meeting their basic, physical needs is just the beginning. Keeping residents connected to family, and finding a sense of place in a community is essential for a full and meaningful life — as is ensuring each person has the right to direct their own day-to-day living in a safe, natural environment. By providing true care through genuine, two-way relationships and focusing on the possibilities within each resident, The Village helps them live a life of fun, laughter, love and joy — a full life.

With experience in the public and private sector, Adrienne will speak about the vision of The Village, and the task of designing homes and services in a way that challenges the status quo.

The conference will be November 18-19 at the CanadInns Polo Park
**Registration for the 7th Annual Building Partnership
Conference is officially open.**

Register by September 1 to be entered into a draw to win a 10" Lenovo Tablet

[Learn More and Register](#)

MNPBA Member Resources

Updated Member List in June

We are updating our member list on our website and as a print document, to be sent to all members. This list includes your organization name, website, and address. Associate members will also have a description of the services

they provide (if provided to us during renewal).

For those who have given permission, the print version (available to MNPFA members only) will include a key contact name and phone number.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so by June 7 to be included on the print version of the list.



New Journey Housing Celebrates 10 Years

Join the team at New Journey Housing for a time of sharing and celebration of the past 10 years of New Journey Housing! The Open House event will include some speeches, sharing of stories, and light snacks.

Date: Thursday June 6, 2019

Time: 3pm-5pm

Location: 200-305 Broadway Winnipeg MB

RSVP: info@newjourneyhousing.com or 204-942-2238



Building Boards Toolkit Surveys/Interviews

MNPFA has received funding through Canada Summer Jobs to develop a "Building Boards Toolkit" over 8-weeks this summer.

Throughout late June and early July, Anne Espino will be phoning, e-mailing, or visiting our members in person to ask a few questions about your governance needs. The toolkit will include sample policies, guides, training materials, and worksheets for your board - based on your identified needs.

Do you have ideas for what you would like in the toolkit? Please contact us at 204-797-6746 or by [e-mail](#)

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Daniel Bragagnolo, Director, Commercial Mortgages leads First National's affordable housing team. In an interview, he discusses the financing complexities of affordable housing and the opportunities available for non-profit housing providers.

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

Affordable housing providers receive funding from various levels of government. Why do they need First National?

"Back 40 years ago or so, many not-for-profit organizations entered into Section 95 agreements with the federal government whereby they could access, long-term, low-cost funds to build units financed by CMHC."

"Now those same providers are coming to the end of their agreements and are mortgage free or close to it. They need capital to renovate their buildings to improve economic viability, enhance energy efficiency or add new units. This is where First National comes in."

[Read the full interview with Daniel here](#)

This post is an advertisement that has been developed by First National Financial LP, an Associate Member of MNPHA



Overwhelmed at Home?

If you come home from work and face what feels like a mountain of household, relationship and child responsibilities, you aren't alone. A Pew Research Center

survey found working parents especially feel rushed, tired and stressed in all facets of home life.

Although finding a work-life balance is the subject of countless articles and books, there's no magic formula. However, the following stress-busting and attitude-changing tips can help you feel less overwhelmed and more able to enjoy your life after work.

Exercise regularly. Enlist a child, a partner or your dog for a 20- to 30-minute walk after work to unwind. You'll boost your mood, energy and fitness.

Set realistic housekeeping goals. Nobody's home is perfect. Decide what absolutely must be done and what can wait.

Discuss household chores with your family. Work together to clearly and fairly distribute home responsibilities with your partner. Teach your kids to pitch in where possible.

Don't overdo it. If you're overscheduled with extra community or social activities, learn to say no when you need to.

Body Bulletin wellness tips are provided monthly to members of our group benefits plan by People Corporation.

[Read the June Body Bulletin](#)

Government Relations



A Home for Everyone Federal Pre-Election Campaign Launched

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association launched its pre-election campaign titled "A Home for Everyone" dedicated to making the next federal election all about community housing. The goal of this campaign is to inform and influence candidates from all political parties, and eventually the next government, on the need for continued support of community housing across Canada.

CHRA is Focusing on Three Key Asks

1. Develop and properly fund a distinct urban, rural and northern Indigenous Housing Strategy
2. Increase the supply of community housing
3. Protect the existing stock of community housing, and increase supports to address poverty

CHRA has launched an election website <https://www.ahomeforeveryone.ca/> that contains more information on these three issues and resources to help you communicate with the candidates in your riding.

Take advantage of the [take action tool](#), which allows you to send a letter directly to your local Member of Parliament and political candidates. The website also has graphics you can share on social media and one-pagers to share with candidates and supporters. We strongly encourage you to share these resources with all your contacts, and to communicate your support for community housing with as many candidates as you can.



Renewing Manitoba's Non-profit Sector

Add Your Voice to Manitoba's New Non-Profit Strategy Consultation

The Province of Manitoba is developing a new non-profit strategy. The stated intention behind the strategy is to build capacity and promote sustainability in the non-profit sector, in order to guide future spending. It will likely lead to changes in the sector for years to come.

- It's essential that the government hear from as many community-based organization volunteers, staff, participants, and funders as possible through their consultation. The in-person consultation in Winnipeg was held on May 9, however there are still opportunities in **Brandon on June 21 and Thompson on June 25**.
- Online consultation can be completed in English or French. [Online](#)

[consultation](#) is open until midnight on June 30, 2019.

- The province will accept written submissions by email at forum2019@gov.mb.ca until June 30.
- Further information about the Province of Manitoba's plan can be found in their [discussion paper](#).

Want some help filling out the survey or contributing to the consultation? Or, want to get involved in organizing around funding and community development? The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) is gathering feedback from organizations. Contact Michael Barkman at m.barkman@ccednet-rcdec.ca



Deputy Minister of Families Update

Jay Rodgers will be stepping down as the Deputy Minister of Families, to be replaced by John Leggat, who is the currently the CEO of St. Amant Centre, as of June 17.

Jay will taking on a different role within the province, leading the development of a Social Innovation Office.

MNPHA would like to thank Jay for his support of our association and members. He is truly a collaborative and strategic leader, and we look forward to the social innovations he will continue to develop.

We look forward to working with John Leggat. John began his career working with people with disabilities at the age of 19. He has held numerous positions related to children and families in the Manitoba government, including Acting Assistant Deputy Minister for Child & Family Services.

News and Updates



Announcement on the Reaching Home Strategy

The Government of Canada and End Homelessness Winnipeg held the Winnipeg launch of the Reaching Home strategy. End Homelessness Winnipeg will act as Interim Community Entity for Winnipeg, administering over \$9m in funding for homelessness reduction and prevention.

Lucille Bruce, CEO of End Homelessness Winnipeg, stated that "we need to be courageous and bold in addressing homelessness" to see people move into safe and appropriate housing.

The [Directives for Reaching Home](#) are now available, spelling out what will be eligible for funding. Like its predecessor, the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, Reaching Home is focused on reductions to chronic homelessness. However, it is more flexible, outcome-oriented, and more supportive of preventative interventions than in the past. While the development of social housing is not eligible for funding, transitional and supportive housing units, and

support services for those experiencing/at risk of homelessness are.

Brandon, Thompson, and Winnipeg will continue to receive Designated Community Funding under Reaching Home, in addition to Rural and Remote homelessness funding administered by the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation.



JOIN US!

FOR A FREE, HANDS-ON
INTRODUCTION TO
LEGO™SERIOUS PLAY™

Friday, June 21, 2019 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LEGO™Serious Play™ is a facilitated thinking, communicating and problem-solving technique for use in organizations, communities, teams and classrooms.

The L.S.P. method taps into the natural human ability and desire to play; to imagine, to describe and to make sense of a situation at hand, to initiate change and improvement, and even to create something radically new!

Come join us, grab some Lego™ (Yes. Lego.), lean forward (not back) and experience the power of L.S.P.!



Sgt. Tommy Prince Place
90 Sinclair Street

Limited spots available.
Register early to avoid disappointment.
Please RSVP by Thursday, June 20, 2019 via email:
Darrell@brickstorming.ca

- Is provincial spending on housing adequate?
- How should the province invest in housing?
- Where should money for housing come from?

HAVE YOUR SAY AT RIGHT TO HOUSING AND CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES-MANITOBA OFFICE'S

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HOUSING

Help us create a Provincial budget that reflects your housing priorities

Details:

New Journey Housing

200-305 Broadway

Winnipeg, MB

June 11, 2019

5:30 - 7:30 pm

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

event tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/y5drbtne>

Job and Volunteer Board

Opportunities Board

Live-in Building Supervisor: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (Permanent full-time)

The Live-in Building Supervisor is a key role at IRCOM House Inc. sharing strong people and technical skills in caring for the housing environment and the tenants. This individual provides important assistance to newcomer families as they integrate into the housing facility and wider community. This individual



provides trusted support, timely, hands-on maintenance expertise, and practical information to tenant families and helps ensure that each family feels welcomed, safe and comfortable in their new home.

[View the Full Job Description Here](#)

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 our 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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