



MNPCHA NEWS AND EVENTS

2023 Provincial Budget Submission for Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association

Throughout 2022, the Government of Manitoba held multi-sectoral consultations on its commitments to strategically reduce and end homelessness and advance a strategy for seniors to stay safe in their own homes and communities.

The Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association (MNPCHA) has been pleased to participate in these consultations, and heard from its members, stakeholders, and others involved in the throughout that safe, affordable, dignified housing with appropriate supports must play a central role in those strategies. The 2023 budget is an opportunity to resource the achievement of their objectives.

WE REPRESENT:


over **100** non-profit
housing providers


who collectively own and
manage more than **24,000**
affordable homes


across **25** communities
in Manitoba

The dedicated volunteers and employees of the non-profit housing sector strive to ensure non-profit housing in Manitoba is secure, sustainable, and affordable for all who need it.

The 2023 budget can immediately invest in housing through the three following recommendations:

1. Create a Capital Funding Program for Existing Community Housing
2. Create New Supply of Rent-Geared-to-Income Housing
3. Provide Consistent Resources for Tenant Support within Housing

Community housing is the most cost-effective and sustainable investment in addressing housing needs for the lowest income Manitobans. Across the province, there is a deficit of about 35,000 rental housing units. Making ends meet and improving affordability for the lowest income Manitobans starts with a home. MNPCHA look forward to working with the Government of Manitoba to take advantage of this moment, for the long-term prosperity of all.

To read the full 2023 MNPCHA Provincial Budget Submission [Click here](#)



URBAN INDIGENOUS HOUSING FORUM

Agenda to include: Manitoba Housing CEO and Executive Director discussion and updates, Training from Manitoba Housing Standards & Quality Compliance on Core Policy Awareness, followed by a round table.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 9:00AM - 3:30PM
CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTRE POLO PARK

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Urban Indigenous-led housing organizations in Manitoba are invited to attend the annual Indigenous Housing Provider Forum. The forum is designed to bring Indigenous organizations together to network, learn from each other, and engage in the issues impacting them.

This year's agenda includes a discussion with Manitoba Housing's CEO and/or Director of Portfolio Management; Policies, Standards, and Practices: Training from Manitoba Housing Standards & Quality Compliance on Core Policy

Awareness, followed by round-table discussion on practices, challenges, and solutions; and a presentation on good practices for pest control.

This session is only open to Indigenous-led housing organizations.

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HOUSING DAY

Manitoba's annual Housing Day is a members-only event that will share the successes and challenges of the affordable housing sector with elected officials.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - THURSDAY, MAY 11

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Manitoba Housing Day

Our province is currently facing high rates of homelessness, a lack of dignified housing for seniors, and housing affordability challenges impacting thousands of renter households. There are currently billions of dollars' worth of assets in affordable non-profit and public housing in Manitoba that will soon be mortgage-free and have increased flexibility to serve the next generation of Manitobans. Yet, these assets require rejuvenation including repairs and modernization. This is a member only event and registration will be limited to 2 people per organization.

AGENDA:

May 10, 2023 – 12 Noon – 4:30 PM

- Introduction, presentation on key messages and discussions
- How to talk with Government – presentation on Advocacy 101
- Other speakers (Lobbyist, Media, and Government officials)

May 10, 2023 – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- Meet and greet with MLAs at a casual networking event

May 11 – 12, 2023 – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- Different groups meet with Party Caucus

* Date and time for the meeting with the party caucus will be sent as soon as the meetings are confirmed.

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HOUSING NEWS

New Affordable Living Apartment Block in Downtown Winnipeg

"This building not only allows our Cree Nation to start capitalizing within the real estate market," Chief Sidney Ballantyne of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation says, "it will allow us a place in the city to house some of our own citizens who are leaving the north to begin their higher education journeys in the south."

The \$17.4 million combined investment is from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation, the federal government, through the National Housing Strategy's National Housing Co-Investment Fund, and Efficiency Manitoba. The new building at 380 Young St will be a mix of affordable living with over 40 percent of the rental units being offered at highly discounted rates. Construction is expected



to take 18 months and should be complete in the summer of 2024.

To maximize its energy efficiency, the building is participating in Efficiency Manitoba's New Buildings Program. Efficiency Manitoba will provide the Opaskwayak Cree Nation with approximately \$105,000 in incentives to reduce the energy costs by approximately \$9,500 a year.

To find out more [click here](#)

CHRA announces new Executive Director

Ray Sullivan is CHRA's new Executive Director, effective immediately. Ray has over two decades of experience managing, creating, and advocating for affordable non-profit housing. He is well known to many CHRA members from his past work at Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC), the Ottawa Community Land Trust, and many community housing sector boards and advisory groups. Ray served on the CHRA Board of Directors from April 2019 to May 2022. He was asked by the current Board to step in as Interim Executive Director in July 2022.

MNPHA looks forward to working with Ray Sullivan and the CHRA team at the upcoming Congress in April.



Co-op Housing in Wolseley Opens Wait list

Old Grace Housing Co-operative has suites of several sizes and has reserved over half of its suites for individuals who qualify for certain government housing programs. They have several wait lists that reflect the different unit sizes and funding programs.

You can put your name on the waiting list for one of these suites for \$50. This money will be refunded to you if you decide to take your name off the list. Should you decide to move into one of these suites, you will have to buy between \$24,000 and \$26,000 worth of shares in the co-op depending on the size of the suite. The money you put in will be refunded to you if you leave. Old Grace may provide financial support to households with incomes under \$53,000 to help cover the cost of these shares.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Document Update from Manitoba Housing

Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation has updated the documents required for income verification, which include a proof of income excerpt from the Acceptable Documentation List. Notable updates specific to Proof of Income include:

- **Working** - change of employment status
- **Self-Employed** - greater visibility to wage/salary of tenants, rent and repairs and maintenance that may affect the housing unit
- **Receiving Employment Insurance (EI) or Workers Compensation (WCB)** - letter / statement from service provider

[Click here](#) to review the full version of the MHRC Acceptable Documentation List for your ease of reference.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Green and Inclusive Community Buildings

Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program

A new federal funding source that provides funding for retrofitting, repairs and upgrades of existing public

community buildings and the construction of new publicly accessible community buildings that serve high-needs, underserved communities has launched its second intake.

Non-profits, municipalities, and indigenous groups are eligible; this could include community spaces/meeting rooms/other spaces available to the community within housing providers' properties.

Eligible applicants with small, medium, and large projects to retrofit existing community buildings or projects to build new community buildings with total eligible costs ranging from \$100,000 to \$25 million can apply now until February 28, 2023, 14:00 CT.

EDUCATION AND EVENTS



Reconciliation is Housing

The Indigenous Input in Local Housing project, a multi-phase project funded by CMHC's Community-based Tenant Initiative, is calling on landlords and caretakers to join this workshop. Join to learn:

- How to build positive landlord/tenant relationships
- Traditional customs landlords should know
- Colonial history and Indigenous housing
- Aspects of living on reserve

February 15th, 6pm - 9pm

430 Langside, Winnipeg

To register email

ryanm@spenceneighbourhood.org

Building Partnerships in Housing

Join CMHC **Monday, February 13 at 12:00-1:30 pm CST** for an interactive virtual panel discussion to hear from featured speakers about their experiences with housing partnerships.

This diverse panel will explore multiple perspectives on partnership types and developments that increase project viability and strength -- from partnerships with social impact investors to collaboration with various levels of government to joint ventures with faith-based groups.



They will be discussing:

- Identifying potential partners and initiating a partnership
- Starting a conversation with potential partners
- Successes and failures when generating buy in for projects
- Forming partnerships with common affordable housing goals (and values)
- Best practices for structuring and managing partnerships

Click here to [register!](#) A recording will be shared with all registrants following the event.

BOARD AND GOVERNANCE TRAINING 2023

WORKING WITH BOARDS: GOVERNANCE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS

February 22, 1:30pm-3:30pm
Online (via Zoom platform)

LIFE LEASE GOVERNANCE TRAINING: TODAY'S NON-PROFIT CHALLENGES

March 23 9:00am-2:00pm,
Bourkevale Community Centre in Winnipeg

Board and Governance Training Series

MNPHA has two more workshops in this winters series lead by Wendy Bulloch from Building Up consulting. Both workshops are free of charge and highly recommended.

Working with Boards: Governance for Executive Directors and Property Managers

This two-hour training will address governance issues and questions related to the roles of executive directors and property managers who work in non-profit housing and life lease organizations. Topics covered will include reporting, the role of management, governance, board of director relations and communications, and conflict resolution.

February 22, 1:30pm-3:30pm, Online (via Zoom platform)

Life Lease Governance Training: Today's Non-Profit Challenges

The workshop includes case studies of Manitoba Life Lease Boards that have been successful in the areas of tenant representation, and covers board director responsibilities, reviewing bylaws, succession planning, and orienting new board members. This workshop is free.

March 23, 9:00am-2:00pm, Bourkevale Community Centre in Winnipeg

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Save the date: Scaling Community Land Trusts through a Federal Acquisition Program

In partnership with CHRA, this webinar will advocate for the creation of a federal acquisition fund. Presentations from [Kensington Market Community Land Trust](#) and [Union: Sustainable Development Co-operative](#) will highlight recent acquisition victories. This will be followed by conversation on how an acquisition fund could enable the growth of CLTs in Canada.

March 9, 12-1pm CT, Registration forthcoming [Click here for more information](#)

Affordable Housing Development 101

[Canadian Network of Community Land Trusts](#) is offering Affordable Housing Development 101. The workshop covers the basic information a non-profit need to know to create affordable housing in Canada. The presentation identifies the different types of affordable housing (mixed, supportive, etc.), types of development (new construction, acquisition, redevelopment), 3 core elements (land, capital & capacity) to a project, the project team, development stages and the financial basics to make your project viable. Throughout the presentation Cahdco demonstrates the content with case study examples of recently completed affordable housing projects.

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HOMELESSNESS 101

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST 9:00AM - 4:00PM
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*If cost is a barrier to attending this session, please reach out to us at membership@mnpha.com.

April 21, 9:00am to 4:00pm at Siloam Mission, 300 Princess St, Winnipeg

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