



MNPCHA NEWS

Beth Schellenberg is leaving her position as Coordinator of Communications and Education at MNPCHA after two years, going to an exciting new role at the Winnipeg Foundation. Beth has brought us amazing speakers and workshops through two conferences and very well received educational series and workshops including on harm reduction, Life Lease Governance, and much more.



Jo Dworschak is moving into the position of Coordinator of Communications and Education after working with the Rent Relief Program as a Case Management Support Worker for three months with us. Jo brings with her experience in property management, cooperative housing board membership, event production, and business management. She can be reached at membership@mnpha.com; 204-797-6746 ext.3. You will have many opportunities to meet Jo this Winter, as you can see below MNPCHA has upcoming educational sessions on Board Governance (including sessions tailored to Life Leases and a virtual session tailored to managers/property managers/EDs), Diversity and Cultural Competency, and the annual Indigenous Housing Forum coming up March 17.

HOUSING NEWS

New FCM resource equips affordable housing providers with energy efficiency guidance

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities's (FCM) new guide, [*Understanding energy efficiency: a guide for affordable housing providers*](#) offers step-by-step guidance on energy conservation measures to increase energy efficiency in affordable housing. For affordable housing providers, there's never been a better time to ramp up an energy efficiency project. Canada's shift to a low-carbon economy requires innovative affordable housing solutions that create jobs and climate resilience while making life more affordable through saved costs.

Combining planned upgrades with energy retrofits creates efficiencies, demonstrates leadership, and helps to plan for the future. Those who live in affordable housing often face challenging circumstances and may find themselves experiencing energy poverty. The most compelling reason to start an energy efficiency project is the positive impact on residents. The right energy efficiency measures can also increase resident health and quality of life. Savings may be re-invested or transferred to residents through lower utility or rental costs.

No matter where you are in your energy conservation journey, FCM's guide offers practical, actionable steps to save money, support the well-being of residents and improve buildings' resilience.

[Check out the guide today.](#)

The Manitoba government is allocating over \$34 million over two years to help alleviate transit operating shortfalls related to reduced ridership caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to address affordable housing supply and density.

"Our funding immediately leverages and enhances \$20.7 million in federal funding, which flowed to the province earlier this year. As part of the federal agreement, the Manitoba government is also committed to work with municipalities towards the shared priorities of improving housing supply and affordability for Manitobans that can, together with transit, improve the ability of Manitobans to live affordably." - Eileen Clarke, Municipal Relations Minister

To read the full press release [click here](#).



Manitoba research team grows fungi supplies in hopes of helping housing crisis

A research team at the University of Manitoba is cooking up ideas to help tackle the housing crisis in Manitoba's north, developing new materials made not from steel or concrete — but fungi. Student researchers are tasked with blending colonies of a fibrous fungi called mycelium with sawdust from a local wood shop. The concoction gets pressed into a mould, where the fungi will eat the sawdust, over time. It's put on a shelf to harden and later put into an oven. The results of the process are mycelium-made building blocks that researchers hope might change the future of construction. The research is still highly experimental, but the dream is to have a big impact on people living in remote areas and on the environment. To read the full article [click here](#).



Congratulations to Rod Porter, Executive Director of Portfolio Management on his Retirement

Rod Porter has announced his retirement from Manitoba Housing, after a long career supporting affordable and community housing in

the province. As Executive Director of Portfolio Management, he assisted many organizations to transition from their operating agreements as they ended, and worked with non-profits to purchase or take on management of MB Housing units in a manner that would set them up for success. Rod has been a supporter of MNPHA and joined us for strategic planning and sector transformation planning to strengthen partnerships between government and the non-profit sector. We're wishing him the best with relaxation, rest, and a great garden in his retirement!

Manitoba Housing has posted the position of Executive Director of Portfolio Management, applications are due January 11: [Advertisement # 40358](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Green and Inclusive Community Buildings

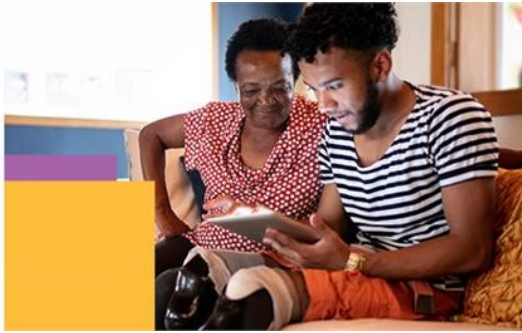
Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program

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.

Rapid Housing Initiative



A third round of funding to cover the costs of construction of modular housing, the acquisition of land, and the conversion/rehabilitation of existing buildings to affordable housing to serve people who are, or otherwise would be, in severe housing need or experiencing, or at imminent risk of homelessness.

The City of Winnipeg has launched a [call for Expressions of Interest](#) due by February 3, 2023. Priority will go to projects:

- Led by an Indigenous organization or government;
- Support women and/or women and children, particularly Indigenous women and children;
- Serve priority populations including people experiencing homelessness;
- Development site has already been secured;
- Construction can be completed within 18 months.

Projects in the City of Brandon are also eligible for the [Cities Stream](#).

Outside of Winnipeg and Brandon, provincial, territorial and municipal governments, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations can [apply by March 15, 2023 here](#).

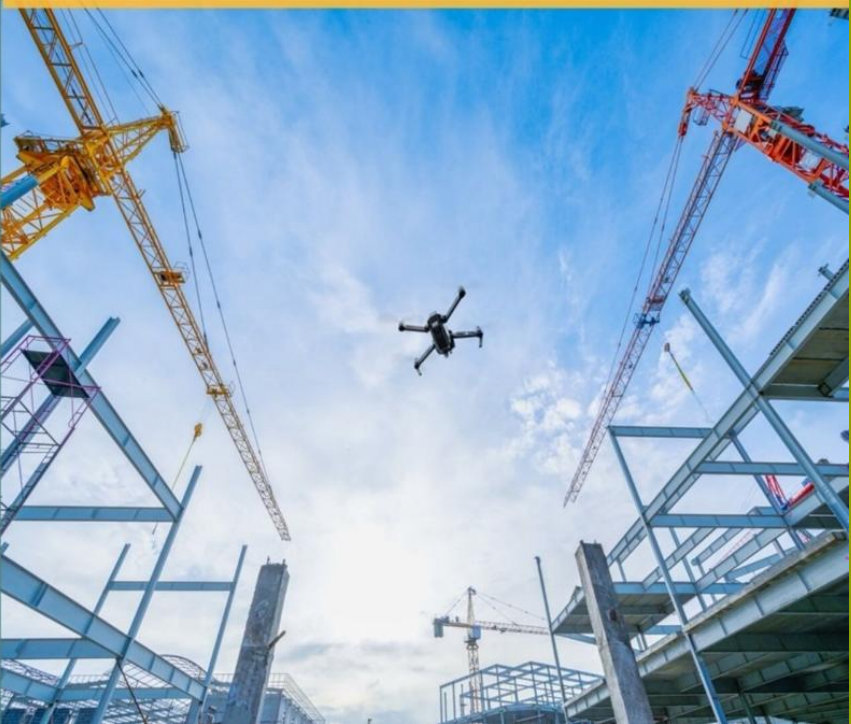


Housing Supply Challenge

Building for the Future:

Innovative Construction for Housing Affordability

Canada



Housing Supply Challenge: Building for the Future

The fourth round of the Challenge, [Building for the Future: Innovative Construction for Housing Affordability](#), seeks solutions that focus on innovative construction processes, techniques, systems, or materials that will increase the supply of housing that is affordable, climate compatible, and meets people's needs. There is up to \$40 million available to fund and implement ideas that address these barriers, and applications are due on **April 13, 2023**.

To learn more about the upcoming *Building for the Future Round* and about the supports available, there will

EDUCATION AND EVENTS

Diversity and Inclusion Training

Diverse workplaces encourage more innovation and creativity. When organizations create cultural safety and people of diverse backgrounds are meaningfully included in non-profit housing, there is greater staff retention and engagement, and tenants are better served. This workshop will explore antiracism approach in policy, diversity-focused recruitment strategies, practical tools to mitigate bias, and how to integrate equity and diversity practices for an inclusive environment.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND ENHANCING CULTURAL COMPETENCY

A Training Series Led by Nina Condo Consulting

This training focuses on capacity building for community members and organizations to create a just, equitable, and inclusive workplace, which will at once strengthen the sector and improve staff retention. The workshop will consist of three sessions, and participants will spend an additional hour on guided self-study prior to the sessions. Sessions will be held virtually on the following dates:

FEBRUARY 7: 9AM TO NOON
FEBRUARY 14: 9AM TO NOON
FEBRUARY 21: 9AM TO NOON

Register at
www.mnpa.com/education



This virtual workshop series led by Nina Condo Consulting consists of three sessions that focus on capacity building for organizations. The training aims to increase awareness about how to dismantle racism while building cultural safety within organizations, the broader communities, and our society. It will provide participants knowledge, skills, and examples of practices and policies that their organizations can implement.

Workshop sessions will run on February 7, 14, and 21 following dates from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

REGISTER

Building Boards Level 2 Registration is Open

Registration for Level 2 of MNPHA's virtual board training program, tailored to board members serving the non-profit housing sector, is now open and the course will run from February 2-28, 2023. Whether you're new to non-profit board governance, new to a housing-focused organization, or experienced in both, this custom-designed training for the non-profit housing sector in Manitoba is for you.



BUILDING BOARDS LEVEL 2

February 1-28, 2023

Training for Boards of Directors of Non-Profit Housing

This self-guided training will give your Boards of Directors the skills and knowledge required to govern your organization effectively.

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This training program consists of two courses - Level 1 and Level 2 - and each course is composed of 3 modules. Each module covers a foundational topic of board governance and includes tools that participants can put to use in their own organization.

Level 2 builds on the skills introduced in Level 1, and covers the following topics:

- **Strategic Plan** - learn the importance of having a strategic plan, including how to develop and implement a plan that will benefit your organization's longevity and stability.
- **Financial Oversight** - gain an understanding of how to interpret financial reports, identify risks, and safeguard your organization's assets.
- **Bylaws and Legal Requirements** - become proficient in creating bylaws for your organization, learn how to hire effective executives, and interpret legal requirements.

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BRANDON**

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

A Workshop for Board Members, Tenant Representatives, and Managers of Life Leases

Wendy Bulloch from Building Up has created materials and topics specific to Life Lease governance based on feedback from Boards, Management, and Tenant Representatives about their training needs.

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

Cost: Free



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FOR
MAR.23 IN
WINNIPEG

Registration is free thanks to funding from the Community Housing Transformation Centre



SAVE THE DATE THE ANNUAL INDIGNEOUS HOUSING PROVIDER FORUM MARCH 17, 2023 9:00AM-3:30PM

Agenda to include:

- Manitoba Housing CEO and Executive Director of Portfolio Management discussion and updates
- Policies, Standards, and Practices: Training from Manitoba Housing Standards & Quality Compliance on Core Policy Awareness, followed by roundtable discussion on practices, challenges, and solutions
- Other items TBD

Watch for Updates: <https://mnpha.com/education>



Building Operators Training

To introduce custodians, maintenance personnel, and building operators from the affordable housing sector to energy efficiency, new technologies, and facility retrofits, FCM partnered with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society and the Community Housing Transformation Centre to develop a revised and customized version of a Building Operators Training (BOT) program for the affordable housing sector across Canada.

Building Operators Training

FREE ONLINE COURSE



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This free online course will focus on the following five areas:

- Water conservation: Focusing on water use, reduction and costs.
- Electrical billing: How power is produced in your province and how that affects greenhouse gas emissions, electricity demand, and typical electrical consumption.
- Lighting: Lighting facts, types of lighting, lighting controls, energy-saving tips, and how to estimate energy savings.
- Electrical equipment: Energy monitoring, load scheduling, compressed air, premium efficiency motors, phantom loads, car plugs, electric heat, and appliances.
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning: HVAC systems, heat recovery systems, cooling systems, and saving calculations.

[Learn more and register here](#)



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Cohort for the CIH Level 5 Diploma in Housing opens in March 2023. Apply by March 6, 2023. More information [L5 Diploma in Housing](#).

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MNPFA Rent Relief Program Case Management Support Worker

Responsibilities include interviewing applicants to assess qualification for a loan and help stabilize housing, providing referrals and information to community partners, liaising with landlords and utility providers and following up on applications and loan repayments where needed.

The successful candidate will possess excellent communication skills both written and verbal with a wide range of audiences, ability to stay calm under pressure, above average skills in Excel, SharePoint and Word, ability to work well independently and within a small team of colleagues, be resourceful and detail oriented and have excellent time management skills.

See [full job description here](#)

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