



HOUSING NEWS

Who Would You Nominate for a Spirit of Housing Award?

Nominations are open for the 2023 Spirit of Housing Award. The award celebrates individuals (staff, board members and tenants), groups and non-profits who have made an outstanding contribution to the quality of non-profit housing. Click on the awards below to find out about the criteria for judging.

- [Spirit of Achievement Award](#)
- [Spirit of Service Award](#)
- [Spirit of Leadership Award](#)
- [Spirit of Community Award](#)



We're proud of our members and thank everyone who submits nominations for this year's awards. The Spirit of Housing Awards will be presented on the evening of the MNPHA Education Day on October 18th, 2023 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Deadline for nominations is August 31, 2023

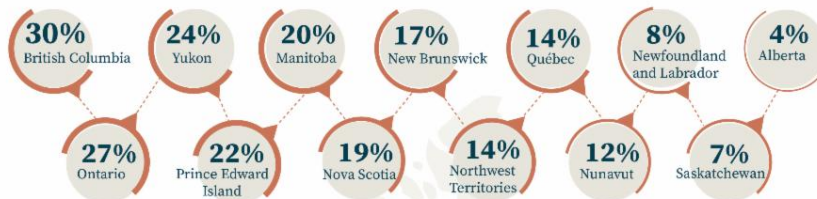
Visit our
website

Canadian Rental Housing Index Confirms Alarming Increase in Housing Cost

MNPHA is a partner on the Canadian Rental Housing Index, updated June 19 with the most recent, 2021 Census data. The Index is a comprehensive database that compiles rental housing statistics for cities, regions, and provinces across Canada. See how much rent Canadians are paying in different parts of the country, compare affordability measures and find out where residents are overcrowded and severely overspending on housing.

Manitoba data covers 13 different municipalities, and demonstrates which populations are most impacted by rental housing challenges in their communities. Data collected by the Canadian Rental Housing Index confirms from 2016-2021 Manitoba saw a 21% increase in the average cost of rent. In Manitoba 34% of renters are paying over 30% on housing. For more information visit www.rentalhousingindex.ca

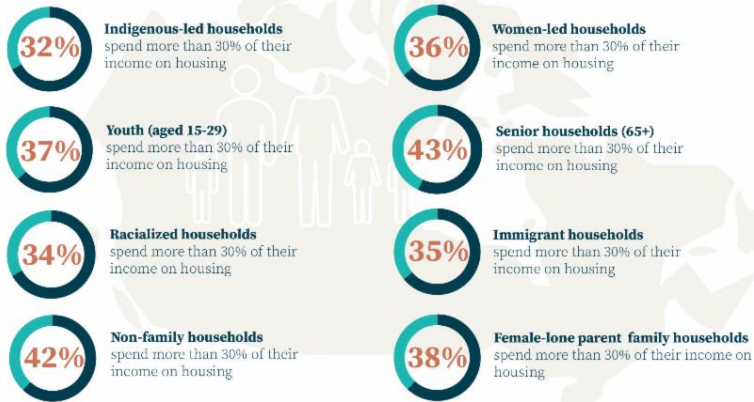
AVERAGE RENT INCREASES EXPERIENCED BY PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES (2016-2021)



Between 2016 and 2021, average rents in Canada increased by

21%

WHICH HOUSEHOLDS ARE MOST IMPACTED BY CANADA'S AFFORDABILITY CRISIS?



1,624,715

Canadian households spend above 30% of their income on rent and utilities



Marginalized communities are facing more severe housing challenges

This infographic is a snapshot of the Canadian Rental Housing Index 2023 that compiles rental housing statistics across Canada from the latest 2021 census data
EXPLORE RENTAL HOUSING INFORMATION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AT [RENTALHOUSINGINDEX.CA](https://rentalhousingindex.ca)



RTB Announces New Bill for Deposits

Property managers can no longer require a damage deposit to be submitted before a lease agreement is entered with the tenant per Bill 239 (<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/42-5/pdf/b239.pdf>) which came into force on May 30th, 2023.

This applies to pet deposits as well. A security and pet deposit can be required once the landlord and tenant enter into the tenancy agreement or the landlord consents to an assignment.

Become a Council Member of the National Housing Council

This is a unique opportunity to help improve housing outcomes for Canadians. As a Council Member you would advise on how to improve the NHS, how to progressively realize the right to adequate housing in Canada and improve housing outcomes for Canadians.



The Council will be representative of Canada's diversity. The Minister will also consider the importance of the Council's representation of:

- People who are members of vulnerable groups
- People with lived expertise of housing need as well as those with lived expertise of homelessness
- People who have experience in a housing-related field
- People who have expertise in human rights

Council Members will perform their duties and functions on the Council on a part-time basis for a three year period with a possible extension. Deadline to apply is August 22, 2023.

Learn More

Manitoba Government requests expressions of interest for rent supplements and homelessness support services



As part of its homelessness strategy, the government of Manitoba has released two calls for expressions of interest to increase social housing available for those experiencing homelessness through rent supplements, and provide a range of support services based on the individuals needs using a housing first approach.

1. Homelessness Rent Supplement Program

Manitoba Housing is requesting Expressions of Interest for landlords willing to enter into rent supplement agreements for designated units in their properties and rent those units to people who are exiting homelessness. The current need is primarily for studio and one bedroom units with some two- and three-bedroom units also welcome.

Organizations must be non-profit housing providers or for profit landlords willing to lease residential rental units to people exiting homelessness. See the full [EOI here](#) and apply by filling in the [application form here](#)

There are information sessions on [July 11, 1-2pm](#) and [July 12, 10-11am](#). Register by emailing homelessness@gov.mb.ca by 10am July 10 with your contact information and preferred date.

2. Homelessness Support Services

For non-profit organizations to operate and provide services to people experiencing homelessness. Services required include rapid re-housing, intensive case management, and/or assertive community treatment.

Preference will be given to organizations with:

- Experience delivering Housing First services
- Demonstrated ability to apply a two-eyed seeing approach in service delivery
- Partnerships with health agencies for the delivery of clinical services
- Internal capacity to provide mental health and addictions services or supports
- Partnerships with housing providers
- Ability to serve people in all three service levels

The application is open until filled. The government is emphasizing Indigenous led responses. To this end, the assessment committee will first review EOIs submitted by Indigenous led organizations and select successful proponents. If additional support services are required, the committee will review EOIs from other organizations and select successful proponents to fill the gaps. See the full [EOI here](#) and apply by filling in the [application form here](#)

There are information sessions on [July 11, 11am-12pm](#) and [July 12, 1-2pm](#), and [July 14, 10-11am](#). Register by emailing homelessness@gov.mb.ca by 10am July 10 with your contact information and preferred date.

EDUCATION AND EVENTS



EDUCATION DAY 2023

Save the Date! Wednesday, October 18th is a day of non-profit housing education, our Annual General Meeting followed by the Spirit of Housing Awards.

Join us for a day to learn the latest trends in our sector. To be inspired by ideas from across our province. Together we find motivation and encouragement throughout these events.

Learn more at mnpa.com/education-and-events



Save the Date!

Wednesday, October 18th is a day of non-profit housing education, our Annual General Meeting followed by the Spirit of Housing Awards. Join us for a day to learn the latest trends in our sector. To be inspired by ideas from across our province. Together we find motivation and encouragement throughout these events.



BUILDING BOARDS LEVEL 1

Training specifically designed for Non-Profit Housing Board Members. Updating knowledge and improving the skills required to govern their organization effectively.

Registrants complete the self-guided training online from October 1 - 31

Funded by:   

Calling all Board Members! MNPFA has designed a board training program, tailored to board members serving the non-profit housing sector. 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.

Level 1 has three modules delivered by Google Classrooms. The self-directed online course takes about 4-5 hours to complete, with videos, reading, and assignments, and you will have 1 month, from October 1-31, to access the materials. Each module covers a foundational topic of board governance and includes tools that participants can put to use in their own organization. Level 2, the final in the series, will be available in the new year. All level 1 graduates will be invited to register.

The Board Training series was thoughtfully created by Rolande Kirouac of High Achievement Training.

[Register](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Non-Profit Community Pest Control Grant Program

Grants are available for non-profits to address pest infestations in two streams. The first stream is for non-profit organizations that require financial assistance to undertake education, treatment, and prevention activities required to eliminate pests. The second is the Homelessness Support stream which supports non-profits group working with tenants for whom managing pests is a barrier to acquiring or maintaining housing. The program receives applications on an ongoing basis until the program budget is fully committed.

[Learn
More](#)



Assiniboine
Credit Union

NEW HOUSING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Working in Non-Profit Housing requires a broad skill set. Our network of peers from diverse backgrounds in housing can help those new to the sector thrive.

Assiniboine Credit Union is sponsoring New Housing Professionals for up to \$1000 to attend networking events, educational workshops, and government relations events.

Learn more at mnpa.com



New Housing Professional Program

MNPFA created a new program to provide those who are new to the non-profit housing sector the opportunity to connect, get involved and get the tool set they need to succeed.

Assiniboine Credit Union is the exclusive sponsor of New Housing Professional Program. ACU will cover the cost of subsidized attendance at events for participants (up to \$1,000/participant per year). In addition, ACU's team will provide financial training and/or analysis for the New Housing Professional participants, based on their self-identified needs upon program registration.

The program is open to those who have been in the housing sector for 5 years or less, and who are working at a MNPFA member organization. Space is limited, apply by September 1 to participate in the program starting in the Fall.

Apply Now



Welcome to Ask MNPFA, a column where we answer member questions. An opportunity to learn from our network of non-profit housing providers and a reminder that the MNPFA team is there to support you and any questions you have.

Q: A tenant has asked us to allow them to have an emotional support dog, but we have a no-pet policy. We know a service dogs cannot be refused, is that the same for emotional support animals?

A: While an emotional support dog can have a great benefit on the well-being of its handler, anyone can say their pet provides emotional support and this is different from a service animal. Therefore, unless you have evidence otherwise, an emotional support animal is typically treated as a pet, but do proper due diligence to ensure that it is not a service animal before making a decision.

There is a legal obligation to accommodate a service animal as they are specifically trained to complete tasks the handler needs based on their diagnosed disability. **The key message here is that a service animal is not a pet, and you should have both a service animal policy and a pet policy.**

Here is a [sample service animal policy](#) and a [fact sheet from the Human Right Commission](#) on it.

There are pros and cons to allowing pets. Pets can cause damage, but tenants with a pet are healthier, less likely to move and have a better connection to their neighbours.

Your board should review the pros and cons of allowing pets and make an overall decision on it, rather than dealing with them on a case-by-case basis. Here is a [guide from RTB](#) for landlords considering allowing tenants with pets and samples of forms that could be required.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Property Manager with Administrative & Bookkeeping Skills

Virde Centennial Housing Corporation Inc, owner/manager of Princess Lodge and Bolton Place accepting applications for a Property Manager with administrative & bookkeeping skills. Hours are Monday to Friday, 30 hours per week, 3 hours a day at seniors complex & 3 hours a day at 55+ life lease complex. Compensation to start \$24 - \$28 per hour plus benefits package. Email resume to dangus980@gmail.com or request for detailed job description.

Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association | www.mnpha.com
membership@mnpha.com | (204)797-6746 ext.3

