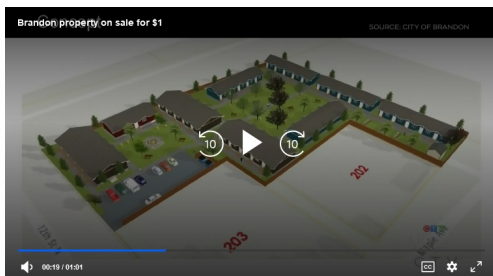


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## HOUSING IN THE NEWS

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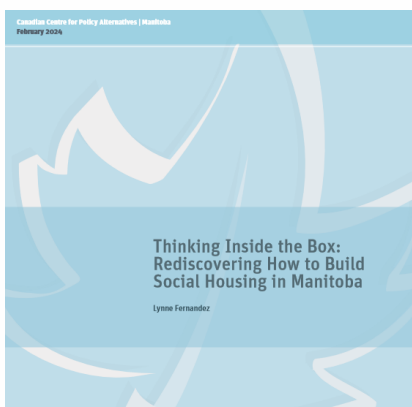


### City of Brandon Selling Property for \$1

Last week, Brandon city council approved a motion to sell 215 12th Street North for just \$1 to a non-profit, government agency or partnering agency. The goal is to turn this site into an affordable housing development for residents experiencing homelessness or precarious housing situations.

“We have a small amount of land holdings, but we want to use those land holdings to create opportunities and create housing for those most in need within our community,” said Ryan Nickel, director of Brandon’s planning and buildings department. Nickel noted that the city conducted a housing needs assessment and determined that there is a shortage of accommodations for Brandon’s most vulnerable population.

The City of Brandon has created a high-level concept for the site, which includes a total of 55 units between 150 and 250 square feet. However, whoever buys the property does not have to build an identical development to the city’s plan. Nickel said interested organizations can apply individually or in collaboration with one another to build and operate the housing development. “This is a little bit of a creative process and something new for the City of Brandon,” he said. “What we’re really looking for is to have groups come forward who are willing to look at creating partnerships.” The property will be listed on the city’s website by the end of the week.



### New Report: Thinking Inside the Box - Rediscovering How to Build Social Housing in Manitoba

Lynne Fernandez, a Research Associate for CCPA-MB and the Manitoba Research Alliance, has released a new report, Thinking Inside the Box - Rediscovering How to Build Social Housing in Manitoba. The report reviews details with local experts in public housing and the non-profit sector to confirm how to best apply some of these strategies in the Manitoba context.

Despite years of advocacy by Manitoba’s Right to Housing Coalition urging government to increase the supply of social housing, politicians seem convinced that the social housing crisis is an unsolvable problem that can only be tinkered with using private-sector participation, whether it be to construct new units or maintain and operate existing units. But the private sector itself acknowledges deeply affordable housing is a public good that it cannot provide. It is as though a sort of collective amnesia prevents government from tackling the social housing shortage with the same financing tools it successfully used in the past, or from considering reasonable options that are ripe for the taking. [Read more](#)

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## New Non-Profit Seniors Housing Opens on Downtown Winnipeg

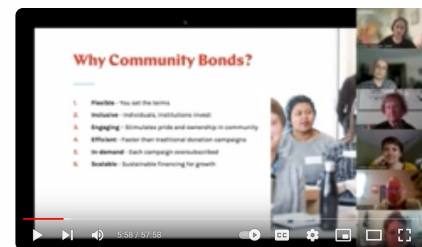


## News from MNPFA

### *A Review of Community Bonds*

Last Week Tapestry Community Capital presented a webinar for with support from MNPFA. We recorded the session for those that were unable to attend.

About the Financing Affordable Housing with the Power of Community Webinar: Affordable housing providers need flexible and creative financing tools to help deliver affordable housing projects. Among these tools is community finance and in particular, community bonds.



Tapestry Community Capital specializes in the use of community bonds and have supported not-for-profits to unlock over \$100M in impact investments to fund 61 projects. With support from the CMHC, Tapestry is now assisting affordable housing providers and have launched the first BC community bond campaign with Propolis Housing Cooperative — which are also now on sale in Manitoba. This session will cover what community bonds are, how they work. Propolis Housing Cooperative will also share their current experience of issuing bonds as a case study. [Watch the video here](#)

## EDUCATION AND EVENTS



### HOUSING DAY TUESDAY, MAY 7

A MNPFA Member's only event, Housing Day allows leaders in non-profit housing to share the successes and challenges of the sector with elected officials and raise issues that matter to Manitoba's affordable housing community.



### *MNPFA Hosts Manitoba's 3rd Housing Day*

Housing Day allows leaders in non-profit housing to share the successes and challenges of the sector with elected officials as well as raise issues that matter most to Manitoba's affordable housing community.

Registration is now open and this year Housing Day is a full day event. Attendees will meet at the Downtown Commons at 9:30am, starting with a light breakfast and a panel discussion on Advocacy 101. Lunch is also provided along with an opportunity to network. The afternoon we'll have panel of elected officials joining us to discuss non-profit housing as well as a question and answer period.

After the presentations we'll reconvene at the Capital Bar and Grill for networking, drinks, appetizers as well as a meet and greet with MLAs.

Each member registered will also have the option to meet with MLAs at the Legislature the following day. Housing Day is a member only event and registration will be limited to 2 people per organization. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, May 7th 9:30am - 8:00pm  
Downtown Commons, 320 Colony Street, Winnipeg

[Register Now!](#)



### HOUSING DAY NETWORKING EVENT

**TUESDAY, MAY 7 5:30PM - 8:00PM**  
**CAPITAL BAR & GRILL, 275 BROADWAY, WINNIPEG**

Manitoba MPs, MLAs, Mayors, and Councillors are invited to join our leaders in non-profit housing for this casual networking event. Registration includes admission, two beverages and appetizers.



### *Networking with Elected Officials*

Are you unable to attend Housing Day, but want to be a part of the Networking Event? MNPHA has invited the Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Mayors, and Councillors to join our leaders in non-profit housing for this casual networking event. If you're registered for Housing Day, you have automatically been registered for the Networking Event.

Tuesday, May 7th 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
Capital Grill, 275 Broadway, Winnipeg

[Register Now!](#)



### LIFE LEASE ACT UPDATE

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH, 10:00AM - 12:00NOON**  
**AT DEER LODGE COMMUNITY CLUB, WINNIPEG**

What Board Members, Tenant Representatives, and Managers of Life Lease Organizations Need to Know.



Darren Cooper, Manager of Rent Regulation from Residential Tenancies Branch, will present on the changes to the Life Lease Act and how they may affect the life leases organizations. Who should attend? Board members, tenant representatives and property managers for Life Lease organizations.

Thursday, April 11th 10:00am - 12:00pm  
In Person: Deer Lodge Community Centre, 323 Bruce Ave, Winnipeg, MB  
A Zoom link will be available for those who can not attend in person.

[Register Now!](#)

**Save the Date: MNPHA Building Partnerships Conference**





### ***2024 CHRA National Congress on Housing and Homelessness is in Fredericton April 9 to 11!***

Join CHRA at the Fredericton Convention Centre for three days of learning, networking, and engaging with leaders from across the Canadian community housing sector. Have your say on key issues, learn about the latest developments in the sector, and get inspired for the future. [Get the details.](#)

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

*We list all the funding opportunities, including the ongoing funding on [mnpha.com](https://mnpha.com)*



## **CMHC Seed Funding applications**

Starting today, CMHC is accepting Seed Funding applications. Given the high demand, they encourage you to submit your application at your earliest convenience. CMHC has also simplified the application process, reduced the data fields from 90+ to about 20.

CMHC's Seed Funding program provides financial support for individuals or organizations involved in the initial phases of creating an affordable housing project. You can apply for up to \$350,000 in interest-free loans and a maximum of \$150,000 of non-repayable contributions to assist with early development expenses. These expenses can include things like the formulation of a business plan, creation of preliminary design concepts and conducting environmental site assessments.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to secure the support for your innovative projects. Seed funding is allocated through a phased approach, and in the event of oversubscription, priority may be given based



## Canada Greener Affordable Housing Program

Canada Greener Affordable Housing provides low-interest loans and grants for deep energy retrofits. Multi-unit (5+) residential can access the program if they target at 70% reduction in energy consumption and an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Applications for retrofit funding are accepted on a continuous basis until the available funding have been fully committed. Pre-retrofit funding for activities such as energy audits, energy modelling studies and building condition assessment reports required for a retrofit funding application are open now. [Learn more](#)

## 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 groups 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](#)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



### Kinew Housing hiring Executive Director

Kinew Housing is Indigenous led and is located in the City of Winnipeg. The Executive Director ensures the efficient and effective management of Kinew Housing Inc. rental properties and is responsible and accountable for all property management functions and activities including maintenance of units and grounds; leasing; vacancy management; tenant relations. The Executive Director will perform these duties and responsibilities in accordance with Kinew Housing Inc.'s project Operating agreement, Manitoba Housing, MHRC, The Residential Tenancies Act and the Residential Tenancies Branch. [Read more](#)



### Chief Executive Officer to Lead SAM Management Forward

Reporting to the SAM Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer will support the Board in developing and implementing the strategic vision and direction for the organization. As a visionary leader who thrives at the 30,000-foot level, you are an accomplished and experienced change agent who maximizes performance through organizational growth. Known for your problem-solving abilities, you also bring a strength of knowledge in finance and systems to the role. [Read More](#)

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