

**Regional Tripartite Housing Committee  
Minutes**

**Meeting on November 22 and 23, 2017 (INAC offices, Quebec)**

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**Day 1—November 22, 2017 Presentation and discussion of the results of the report from the September 2017 engagement session in Trois-Rivières.**

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Present: Jean-François Samuel, CMHC  
Patricia Rioux, INAC  
Guy Latouche, AFNQL  
Lance Haymond, AFNQL  
André Dansereau, INAC  
Bruce Labrador, INAC

Vince Klyne, CMHC  
François Lachance, CMHC  
Claude Picard, AFNQL  
Josée-Ann Paradis, INAC

Absent: François Sauvageau, CMHC

Guests: Oumar Ba, HC, and Dale Booth, Innovation 7 Inc.

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Facilitator: André Dansereau

Minutes: André Dansereau, Patricia Rioux

**1 Welcoming remarks**

Bruce Labrador welcomed everyone and acknowledged the presence of Mr. Ba from HC and of Mr. Booth, who would present the report submitted following the engagement session in Trois-Rivières from September 26 to 28, 2017. Chief Haymond indicated that he appreciated the presence of Health Canada at the RTHC meeting.

**2 Presentation by Mr. Booth on the results of the report from the September 2017 engagement session in Trois-Rivières**

(Guy Latouche had distributed the report to all the participants on November 20.)

To begin, Mr. Booth informed us that a final report would be submitted following the meeting in order to add the innovation part and to reflect the RTHC's comments.

He continued with a background and status report on the situation (national and regional), including a new paradigm that would influence developments in the housing file.

He reviewed the content of the report. He shared his thoughts concerning the analysis results and the conclusions he drew from them. He continued by explaining the methodology used to analyze and synthesize the comments received during the session.

The presentations and comments from the preparatory day on September 26 had been used to complete the parameters of the matrix in order to analyze and synthesize the data.

Some of the major points that emerged from the analysis were as follows:

- Need for an institution to build capacity;
- Need for long-term funding from the government;
- More funding options.

To facilitate understanding of the report, the following changes were suggested:

- Add the raw data to the report as an appendix;
- Add a brief explanation of the methodology used;
- Remove the additional lines (untitled) from the percentage tables;
- Make the scale of tables and figures uniform;
- Add a glossary with a brief explanation of the categories and/or divisions used in the tables and figures;
- Obtain the evaluation sheets (from the session) from participants;
- Revise paragraph 2 of recommendation 9.3;
- Include the results and raw data from the general question about the vision for the housing of a community in 2027.

### **3 Feedback on the presentation and session results**

Following discussions and considering that the final report would be submitted within two weeks, it was agreed that the OC would analyze the final version. Recommendations on the analysis and actions to be taken in relation to the report and developments in the national file would be presented to RTHC members at the February meeting.

## **Day 2—November 23, 2017 Regular meeting of the RTHC**

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Present: Jean-François Samuel, CMHC  
Patricia Rioux, INAC  
Guy Latouche, AFNQL  
Rita Arseneau, INAC  
André Dansereau, INAC  
Bruce Labrador, INAC

Vince Klyne, CMHC  
François Lachance, CMHC  
Claude Picard, AFNQL

Absent: François Sauvageau, CMHC  
Lance Haymond, AFNQL

Guests: Oumar Ba, HC

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Facilitator: André Dansereau  
Minutes: Patricia Rioux

### **1 Welcoming remarks**

Bruce Labrador welcomed everyone, including Oumar Ba, a Health Canada representative, and Rita Arseneau, the new manager, Community Infrastructure, at INAC's Quebec Regional Office. He provided a quick recap of the regional and national organizational changes. He then reviewed the previous day, summarizing the actions and issues.

### **2 Introduction to RTHC for HC**

Guy Latouche provided some brief background information on the RTHC for the benefit of Mr. Ba and Ms. Arseneau, to help them to better understand the Committee's mandate and structure and how it operated.

### **Summary of actions**

**Action 1:** The AFNQL would send the final report from the engagement session.

**Action 2:** OC's follow-up on the final report from the Trois-Rivières session. Recommendations on the analysis and actions to be taken in relation to the report and developments in the national file (MC) would be presented to RTHC members at the February meeting. **Action 3:** The OC would prepare a summary document ("one-pager") on the final report.

**Action 4:** At the next RTHC meeting in February, the OC would make recommendations for the action plan's realignment based on the results and directions of the engagement session report.

**Action 5:** Plan a presentation of the RTHC report on results for the band DGs meeting.

**Action 6:** Omar Ba of HC would inform the RTHC of his senior management’s decision concerning HC’s participation (delegation and involvement) on the Tripartite Committee.

### **3 Follow-up on actions from the meeting on May 10 and 11, 2017**

**Action 1:** When changes to the list of contacts arise, each RTHC stakeholder would have to send the changes to Charlene Harvey and copy Guy Latouche of the AFNQL.

Outcome: Send changes on an ongoing basis to the AFNQL—**Completed**

**Action 2:** Vince Klyne would send all RTHC members a link to the CMHC’s website concerning guides for housing managers.

Outcome: **Completed**

**Action 3:** INAC would send Health Canada an invitation to the next RTHC meeting in September.

Outcome: **Completed**

**Action 4:** Presentation on insurance alternatives (action from September 27, 2016—to be kept)

The Native Benefits Plan was no longer involved with insurance, but would be open to giving a presentation on what it had developed on this topic in the past. Bill Montour’s group would also be called upon to present its approach. These stakeholders would be invited to an upcoming meeting of the RTHC when insurance issues would be addressed.

Outcome: Postponed until the next meeting, time permitting, with a discussion on whether this topic should be included in the action plan.

**Action 5:** Check the impact on the ends of Budget 2016 agreements: The CMHC, through an intern, committed to conducting the necessary research in summer 2017 and to providing the information to the AFNQL.

Outcome: The work was ongoing. Time was needed to complete the research following the intern’s departure, and the CMHC had committed to completing and finishing the research around June 2018. This data would be used in the next update of the study on AFNQL FN needs.

**Action 6:** Vince Klyne would circulate the CMHC Innovation Fund presentation among RTHC members.

Outcome: **Completed**

**Action 7:** Initiate a discussion about possible conditions to attach to the ministerial guarantee, e.g. in the case of a construction project in a flood-prone area? Be more “preventive” than “curative.”

Outcome: INAC had not pursued this since a reform of the ministerial loan guarantees was under way. INAC would follow up on any developments.

**Action 8:** André Dansereau would follow up with François Lachance on the possibility of organizing a meeting between CMHC housing consultants and INAC funding officers by the end of March 2018 (ref.: Action Plan Issue #2).

Outcome: Action ongoing: steps have been taken to hold the meeting in February. A preparatory meeting was scheduled for December.

**Action 9:** Guy Latouche would invite the FN School Board to come and meet them at the next meeting to explain who they were and what their vision was for the Attestation of Collegial Studies project.

Outcome: Postponed until the next RTHC meeting.

**Action 10:** The Action Plan was adopted by the RTHC. Each ambassador had to send Guy Latouche the minor corrections to be made to their Issues by June 10.

Outcome: **Completed**

**Action 11:** The AFNQL would send out a proposal for the date of the fall regional meeting. That meeting would potentially be combined with the engagement session on housing and infrastructure reform in September 2017.

Outcome: **Completed**

**Action 12:** In preparation for publishing *Écho de l'habitation* in August, François Sauvageau would send out an email reminder of the topics identified, asking authors to send him their content by the end of June. At the same time, in order to build a bank of potential articles, Guy Latouche would contact those people who had shown an interest in writing for *Écho de l'habitation* to send him their articles for future publication.

Outcome: *Écho de l'habitation* had been published. The action related to the bank of topics was postponed until the next meeting, and a check would be done to review the list of articles produced in a brainstorming exercise.

**Action 13:** Lyse Langevin of INAC committed to contacting the First Nation Market Housing Fund to explore collaboration possibilities.

Outcome: Bruce Labrador would follow up with Lyse Langevin.

**Action 14:** Mr. Légaré of the Aboriginal Savings Corporation of Canada would send the documents from his presentation in electronic format to Guy Latouche, who would then send them to the committee members.

Outcome: **Completed**

#### February RTHC action

**Action 3:** Use the list of suggestions from participants in the November 2016 survey when planning the next annual regional AFNQL housing meetings.

Look at the feasibility of and procedures for recruiting one or two people among the housing managers for a period of one or two years to participate in RTHC work on an occasional basis.

Outcome: Would be included in the agenda for the next RTHC meeting.

## **4 Update—national and regional environments**

### AFNQL

Claude Picard shared his thoughts with the participants on the issues and challenges for the AFNQL.

There was one concrete issue following the September engagement session when they measured members' interest in housing. One of the conclusions that emerged from the report had been that a responsible housing organization should be established. Governance models should be examined to see which would be best suited while respecting local representation. The FNHRDCQ model was an example to examine in terms of structure, management and operation.

It was also necessary to include urban housing of off-reserve members in their assessment of the situation. Off-reserve housing was an issue and had to be included in the priorities. The situation had to be clarified, as well as the willingness of each of the partner entities, both provincial (SHQ) and federal on this matter. An exploration meeting should be organized with partners, including SHQ authorities, to present the work carried out by the RTHC.

In the past year, Chiefs had been asked about a significant number of topics/issues. They had to find an efficient way to inform them on developments in the housing file.

### CHMC

Vince Klyne informed us that the CMHC has taken measures to ensure that communities were not penalized financially as a result of the inspections issue (OZHI).

The Housing Strategy had been announced on the afternoon of November 22. The Strategy had been launched and work began after the announcement. Vince forwarded us an email summarizing the major points of the Strategy. The FN, Inuit and Métis component would be developed in the coming months. The AFNQL had asked the CMHC to send a clearer message to the First Nations. The First Nations might be under the impression that they were

excluded from the National Housing Strategy, which was not the case. The webinar on the Strategy could be viewed on the website at the following address: <https://www.placetocallhome.ca/nhs-resources.cfm/>.

Jean-François Samuel distributed and described the results of the Social Infrastructure Funding (SIF) from Budget 2016, Renovation, section 95, CCA and Youth Internship. The Quebec Region had benefited from reallocated funds from the western regions that faced delivery challenges. In all, approximately 700 units had been renovated with the SIF and the regular CMHC budgets over a two-year period.

The budget for the Youth Internship program had been increased and would remain so for the next three years (until 2019–2020 inclusive).

#### INAC (national and regional)

Bruce Labrador explained that the 2017–2018 allocations of the Budget 2016 housing initiative had been made based on proposals received during the second call for proposals in early 2017. Housing had been the only initiative to call for proposals in 2017–2018.

HQ had announced Budget 2016 surpluses in the range of \$125 million. Of that amount, \$39 million would be reallocated to the housing initiative. The amount allocated to housing should be approximately \$2.2 million for the Quebec Region, which would be allocated in full to renovation for a total of 272 units. (Attached document)

With respect to ministerial guarantees, a \$3.5 million increase had been added to the \$18 million per year planned. The Fédération des caisses populaires had requested that the loan document reflect the Quebec *Consumer Protection Act*. The document had increased from 20 to 60 pages, mainly on account of the glossary of required definitions.

There had been an issue with the operating budget in relation to 144 housing units from the Budget 2016. The units had been built for/by the Makivik Corporation and discussions were under way.

A Federal Forum would be set up and would consist of a discussion table with various federal partners concerning the initiatives of each one's respective department.

The transformation of the INAC Department into the Department of Indigenous Services was in progress, and little information was available yet from HQ. The region would have its first meeting with HC on December 1.

A new Asset Management program had been initiated. A budget of \$15 million over five years was planned for Canada. The regional portion should be approximately \$215,000/year over five years.

#### HC

Oumar Ba shared his comments with us and indicated that the presence of Health Canada was a good fit with the RTHC's mandate. Health Canada could have an influence concerning health issues such as radon, as well as in the area of capacity building. Mr. Ba would give his comments to Mr. Budgell (HC Regional Director), and he would keep the members updated on HC's standing participation on the RTHC.

**5 2017–2018 Action Plan—Discussions, follow-ups and adoption**

A thorough revision of the Action Plan would be performed in the coming months, following the discussions in the past two days. The addition of the “FN Housing Reform” issue was suggested and accepted.

**6 Adjournment of the meeting and date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was not determined. It would be scheduled before the next meeting of the Chiefs, in February. A special OC meeting would be held before that.

The meeting of Thursday, November 23 was adjourned at 1 p.m.