

**Regional  
Tripartite  
Housing  
Committee**

AFNQL - INAC - CMHC

**2015-2016 Annual Report**

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### **Background**

This report summarizes the activities undertaken by the Regional Tripartite Housing Committee (RTHC) during the year 2015-2016, and the main orientations that will guide its actions in 2016-2017.

The RTHC regroups representatives from the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL), Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The Committee is, in its current form, since 2005. Its mission is to make recommendations to the respective authorities of the three parties for the purpose of promoting housing conditions of First Nations members.

The RTHC activities are governed by a framework which provides for the holding of at least 3 meetings per year. The Committee identifies regional issues and ensures their monitoring with an action plan that is approved at the beginning of the year. The Committee counts on partnership, dissemination of information to First Nations communities and organizations, exchanges of views and networking in order to advance the files of mutual concern.

The Committee's Action Plan focuses on 7 issues:

1. Take concerted action to improve health and safety;
2. Favour sound management of the housing portfolio;
3. Understand and gain recognition for the housing needs;
4. Ad-hoc housing initiatives;
5. National and Regional housing allocation processes;
6. Capacity building;
7. Research and Development (R&D) in the housing field.

### **Main Achievements in 2015-2016**

#### **Regular Activities**

- Implementation of the 2015-2016 Action Plan
- Publication of *Aboriginal Housing Connection Newsletter*, vol. 7, no 1
- Publication of relevant information on the Committee's page incorporated into the AFNQL website
- Collaboration in the joint organization of the regional housing meeting with the AFNQL
- Collaboration in relaunching INAC's Regional On-reserve Housing Approach

#### **Coaching Activities**

- Development of a communication strategy for the Committee's activities

#### **Strategic Actions**

- Concerted strategy in regards to CMHC's Request for Proposal to provide technical services on reserve, the goal being to maximize the sustainable potential of inspection services offered to First Nations by tribal councils and other current suppliers
- Concerted strategy aiming to increase the awareness of federal authorities with respect to the content and the scope of the Housing Initiative (INAC) and the Social Infrastructure Fund (CMHC) of the 2016 Budget

- Concerted strategy to advance the issues related to the large number of housing units that are at end of agreement with CMHC
- Concerted strategy to sensitize all stakeholders to the opportunities offered by the densification of social housing

### **Cooperation with Organizations**

- Partnership with the First Nations Human Resources Development Commission of Quebec (FNHRDCQ) in the materialization of the training program for housing managers and a housing community of practice. This is the culmination of an initiative started by the RTHC in 2008
- Partnership with tribal councils in the materialization of the pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG). This is the culmination of an initiative started by the RTHC in 2009

### **Main Orientations for the Year 2016-2017**

Aside from regular activities, the following issues will be the focus of attention of the RTHC during the year 2016-2017:

#### **Implementation of Programs Stemming from the 2016 Federal Budget**

The implementation of programs stemming from new housing funding announced in the most recent federal budget is a priority. Steps must be taken to ensure that the information is effectively delivered to the First Nations and organizations. It will also be important to prepare the ground for an eventual reallocation of national funds. Such reallocations have occurred in the past, and the region was able to benefit from it, due to, amongst other things, an action plan that was well established in advance.

#### **Continuation of Initiatives Already Embarked Upon**

Collaboration will continue with the organizations concerned with the implementation of projects which aim the development of First Nations capacities in the area of housing.

- Training program for housing managers (attestation of collegial studies, first cohort in the fall of 2016) and establishment of a housing community of practice
- Second phase of a pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG)

The Committee will complete the preparation of its communication strategy, and will proceed to its acceptance for implementation during the year.

#### **Strategic Watch**

The RTHC will remain on the lookout for any development in the files which could be of interest to the region. It will continue to make recommendations accordingly. For example, a decision is still expected in the file of CMHC's Request for Proposal with respect to the provision of technical services on reserve.

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