

**Regional
Tripartite
Housing
Committee**

AFNQL - INAC - CMHC

Annual Report (2016-2017)

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Background

This report is a summary of the Regional Tripartite Housing Committee's activities (2016-2017), and of key orientations that will guide the Committee's actions for 2017-2018.

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.

Key Achievements (2016-2017)

Regular Activities

- Implementation of the Action Plan for 2016-2017
- Publication of the *Aboriginal Housing Connection Newsletter*, Vol. 8, No. 1
- Important information posted by the Committee on the AFNQL's website
- Collaboration in the joint organization of the regional housing meeting with the AFNQL
- Checklist on housing developed for recently elected members and new employees
- Survey on the RTHC's activities conducted with the regional housing meeting's participants
- Harmonized mailing list (with contacts of all 3 organizations)

Support Activities

- Development of complementary tools for the Committee's communication strategy

Strategic Actions

- Concerted strategy to identify potential solutions related to the reform of on-reserve housing programs
- Concerted strategy on the communication of information on the housing initiative (INAC) and the Social Infrastructure Fund (CMHC), of budget 2016
- 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 share information with all stakeholders on opportunities related to increased social housing

Collaboration with Organizations

- Partnership with the First Nations Human Resources Development Commission of Quebec (FNHRDCQ) to implement a training program for housing managers and a community of practice on housing
- Partnership with tribal councils in the materialization of the pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG)

Key Orientations (2017-2018)

Beyond regular activities, the RTCH will undertake the following actions in 2017-2018:

Implementation of Programs Related to the 2016 Federal Budget

Collaboration in the implementation of the programs related to the funds from the second year of the 2016 federal budget is intended to ensure that information is shared with First Nations and organizations. There is also a need to prepare the ground for possible reallocation of national funds. Such reallocations have taken place in the past, and the region has been able to benefit from it because of, among other things, a well-established Action Plan.

Continuation of Initiatives Already Embarked Upon

Continued partnership with the organizations that are involved in the implementation of projects related to capacity building in housing of First Nation members.

- Training program for housing managers (attestation of collegial studies) and implementation of a community of practice in housing
- Pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG).

The Committee will finish preparing complementary tools on the communication strategy. The tools will be implemented throughout the year.

Strategic Watch

The RTHC remains on the lookout for any development related to issues that might be of interest for the region, and will make any necessary recommendations (i.e.: technical services provided on reserve, reform of the on-reserve housing program, reallocation of funds under the 2016 budget).

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