



Aboriginal Housing Connection

REGIONAL TRIPARTITE HOUSING COMMITTEE AFNQL – INAC – CMHC 2015 - 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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

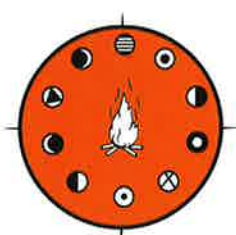
- Implementation of the 2015-2016 Action Plan
- Publication of Aboriginal Housing Connection Newsletter, vol. 7, no 1
- Publication of relevant information on the Committee's page incorporated into the AFNQL website
- Collaboration in the joint organization of the regional housing meeting with the AFNQL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



**Assembly of
First Nations
Quebec-Labrador**



**Indigenous and
Northern Affairs Canada**



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.

This report has been adopted by the coordinating members of the RTHC on September 27, 2016. Documents produced by the RTHC are available on-line at the following address:

<http://www.apnql-afnql.com/en/dossiers/logement-schl.php>

A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT



It's in February that our colleague Jacques Giroux will be taking a well-deserved retirement. With a career of over 27 years Jacques occupied a number of positions with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Nevertheless, it is as Director of funding services that he played a key role within the Regional Tripartite Housing Committee (RTHC), since it is without hesitation that he contributed his vast experience and knowledge in a common effort to improve housing condition for the First Nations of Quebec. We thank him and wish him a great retirement! **Thanks Jacques!**

Section 95 - Allocation for 2016-2017	
Name of community	Lifetime costs (\$)
Wendake	124 627
Listuguj	498 508
Gesgapegiag	249 254
Abitibiwinni	0
Lac Simon	0
Timiskaming	274 159
Kebaowek (Eagle Village First Nation)	249 254
Long Point (Winneway)	0
Kanesatake	0
Kahnawake	997 016
Wolinak	0
Odanak	249 254
Kitigan Zibi	0
Barriere Lake	0
Lac St-Jean (Mashteuiatsh)	523 413
Wemotaci	0
Manawan	876 436
Opticwan	0
Uashat mak Mani-Utenam	1 096 635
Ekuanishit (Mingan)	332 270
Natashquan	0
Unamen Shipu (La Romaine)	717 116
Betsiamites	1 308 532
Essipit (Escoumins)	0
Matimekush-Lac-John (Schefferville)	0
Pakua Shipi	591 797
NASKAPIS	583 382
CREES	4 667 053

BUDGET 2016 – INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA HOUSING INITIATIVE

In March, the federal government announced an additional investment of \$416.6 million to address immediate on-reserve housing needs.

As a result of this announcement, INAC launched a two-year housing initiative from 2016 to 2018. This initiative began with a first call for proposals divided into three application periods (phases). These three phases allowed First Nations (FN) and FN organizations to submit proposals under the various components of the initiative from May 19 to September 30, 2016.

The housing initiative includes the following three main components:

- Immediate needs (construction, renovation/addition and lot servicing);
- Capacity development (governance tools, housing maintenance and management);
- Innovation (housing governance and other funding models).

On October 3, 2016, the results of INAC’s national process to select projects for the Quebec Region allowed 25 FN and 4 FN organizations to implement over 263 projects for an overall budget of \$24 million, all components included (Phases 1 and 2*).

Here is the regional breakdown for the three components of the initiative:

Components	Proposed projects	Requested budget	Selected projects	Allocated budget
Immediate needs -Construction	37 semi-detached/duplex 12 triplex, 1 fourplex 5 sixplex	24 162 616	22 semi-detached/duplex 6 triplex, 3 sixplex	15 799 490
Immediate needs -Renovation/addition	419 renovation projects	4 528 172	191 renovation projects.	3 060 706
Immediate needs -Lot servicing	86 lots	2 191 625	66 lots	1 806 625
Capacity development	40 projets	2 225 278	35 projets	1 895 278
Innovation	21 projets	1 583 638	13 projets	856 683

A second call for proposals will be launched to select projects for the second year of the Budget 2016 housing initiative. This call for proposals is planned to begin in early winter in order to start the projects at the beginning of the next fiscal year (2017–2018). Official correspondence will be sent to inform you of the start of the application period and the related terms and conditions. Projects that were not selected in 2016–2017 may be resubmitted during this second call for proposals.

* The results of the Phase 3 analysis were not yet available when this article was written.



**CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION
- ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR RENOVATION THROUGH
THE FEDERAL BUDGET 2016**

CMHC has been granted additional funds for renovation through the federal budget 2016. This is a two year initiative. Specifically, the total share in renovation for Quebec is approximately \$ 4,923,000 for the first year. The First Nations have submitted applications for over 26 million.

Capacity development funds also greatly increased from \$190 000 last year to \$ 363 300.

As for the youth internship budget, the annual budget increased to \$ 622,000 (from around \$100 000 in the past). This increase will now finance about 60 trainees for 2016-2017 and the same number of trainees for 2017-2018.

Having in mind the improvement of this initiative, we were aloud more flexibility in terms of the qualifying hour rate to the trainees.

As for the budgets of Article 95, the funds have not been raised by the federal budget. However, using the envelope optimally, a sum of nearly \$ 13,475,000 in Grant life is devoted to housing in 2016-2017.

Following is the distribution for the renovations program budgets as well as the allocations of Section 95 for the year 16-17 by community.

Renovation budget: Granted by CMHC (\$)	
Odanak	88 900
Abénakis de Wôlinak	78 700
Conseil de la Première Nation Abitibiwinni	93 500
Algonquins of Barriere Lake	0
Kebaowek (Eagle Village First Nation)	78 700
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg	78 480
Nation Anishnabe du Lac Simon	115 400
Long Point First Nation	78 700
Timiskaming First Nation	85 300
Les Atikamekw de Manawan	119 900
Atikamekw d'Opitciwan	128 000
Conseil des Atikamekw de Wemotaci	96 700
Nation Huronne Wendat	190 980
Micmacs of Gesgapegiag	97 600
Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government	298 600
Mohawks of Kahnawáke	449 620
Mohawks of Kanesatake	32 121
Les Innus de Ekuanitshit	93 500
Innu Essipit	78 700
Montagnais du Lac St.-Jean	277 700
La Nation Innu Matimekush-Lac John	147 600
Montagnais de Natashquan	93 600
Montagnais de Pakua Shipi	111 800
Bande des Innus de Pessamit	253 400
Innu TakuaiKAN Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam	262 743
Montagnais de Unamen Shipu	116 800
Naskapi	147 600
CRIS	1 228 302
Cree Nation of Chisasibi	203 119
Eastmain	84 652
Cree Nation of Mistissini	255 527
Cree Nation of Nemaska	62 389
Oujé-Bougoumou Cree Nation	60 000
The Crees of the Waskaganish First Nation	181 011
Waswanipi	156 239
Cree Nation of Wemindji	75 000
Première nation de Whapmagoostui	150 365
TOTAL	4 922 946

