



# Aboriginal Housing Connection

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## **AFNQL REGIONAL MEETING ON HOUSING AND FOLLOW-UP ON THE ENGAGEMENT ON THE REFORM OF HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE - POSTPONED**

Due to the pandemic that has raged since March, the AFNQL regional meeting on housing has been postponed to a date that remains undetermined for the moment. This meeting is an important event every year. This is not only an opportunity to inform you, but also to share good practices in housing and to continue the engagement on the reform of housing and infrastructure initiated in our region in 2017. We will inform you as soon as the date of the meeting will be determined.



Assembly of  
First Nations  
Quebec-Labrador



Indigenous Services  
Canada



Good day everyone,

As you probably know, we are currently working on a revised version of the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) On-Reserve and Community Housing Initiative, which we hope to return in 2021. Like you, we look forward to the government's direction on First Nations housing.

We would like to thank those who participated and/or will participate in the brainstorming sessions organized as part of the regionalization of the Initiative, and we remind you that it is not too late to send us your recommendations and constructive comments. To this effect, you will find the Housing Initiative (2019-2021) guides and forms as well as the brainstorming sessions questionnaire at the following address: <http://www.coph.ca/documents-e/webinars/>

Once completed, send us the questionnaire to the following address: [aadnc.qclogementhousingqc.aandc@canada.ca](mailto:aadnc.qclogementhousingqc.aandc@canada.ca)

At the beginning of the new year, we will share with you all the comments and suggestions received during these brainstorming exercises and via the questionnaires. Please be convinced that your input is very important, as it will allow us to develop an Initiative with components and categories that will better meet your needs.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season. Health and Happiness.

Looking forward to continuing our fruitful collaborations in 2021.

The ISC Quebec Regional Office's housing team,

Nathalie, Pascal and André



## BACKGROUND

This report is a summary of the Regional Tripartite Housing Committee's (RTHC) activities during the year 2019-2020 as well as the main orientations that will guide its actions in 2020-2021.

The RTHC regroups representatives from the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) 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 was completely renewed in 2018. It is part of the Draft Regional Strategy, which itself stems from the engagement initiated in the context of housing and infrastructure reform. The Action Plan is made up of 3 components that integrate all the issues of the previous plans:

1. More skills and capacities at all levels, with innovation;
2. More funds and more financing options, with innovation;
3. More First Nations autonomy, with innovation.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019-2020

### Regular Activities

- Implementation of the Action Plan for 2018-2020.
- Publication of the Aboriginal Housing Connection Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 1.
- Important information posted by the Committee on the AFNQL's website and dissemination to First Nations communities and organizations.
- Collaboration in the joint organization and holding of the Engagement Session on Housing and Infrastructure (November 2019).

COVID-19 marked the year 2020. The pandemic has had an impact on all spheres of society, including the work of the RTHC. The implementation of our Action Plan was somewhat delayed. Our engagement activities had to be postponed, but certainly not abandoned. We have put in place temporary measures, hoping for a return to normal as soon as possible.

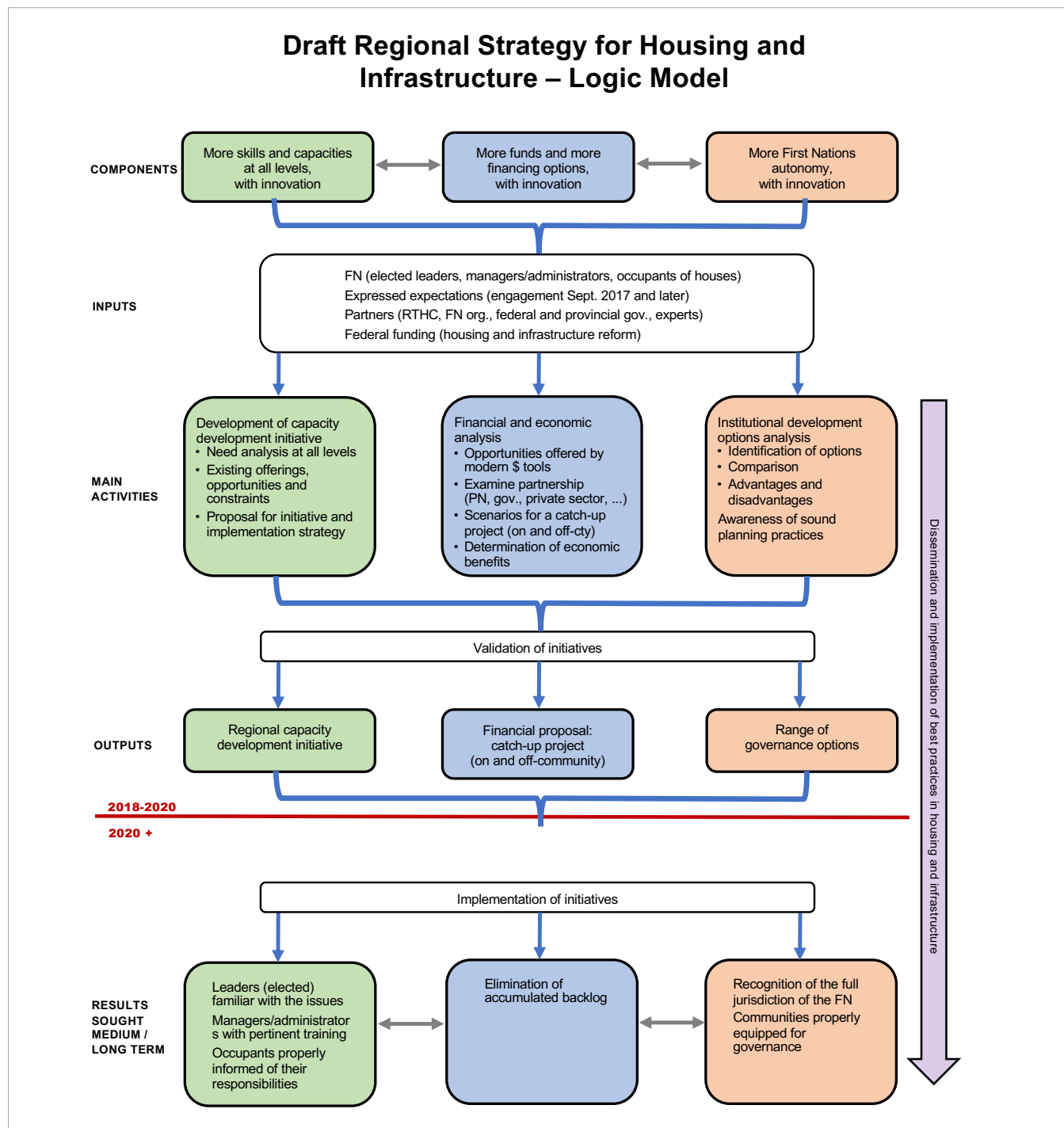


### Strategic Actions

Collaborative strategy to further develop and implement the Regional Housing and Infrastructure Strategy.

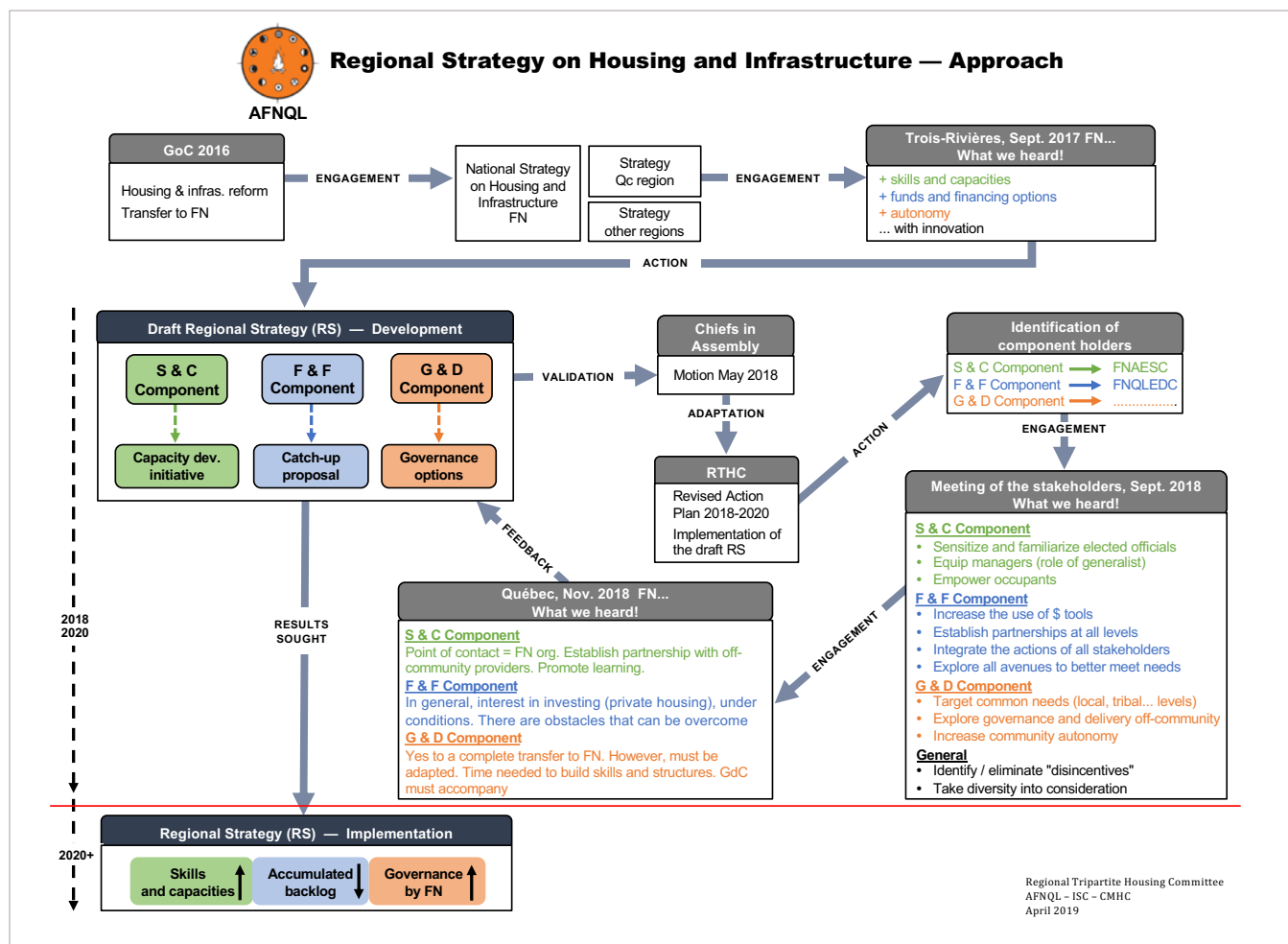
- Partnership with the First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) in the development and implementation of the Skills and Capacity component of the Regional Strategy, in particular the establishment of the Point of Contact in Housing (PoCH).

- Partnership with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Economic Development Commission (FNQLEDC) in the development of the Funding and Financing component of the Regional Strategy.
- Increase in the pace of the Operational Committee conferences from the start of the pandemic with a view to harmonizing and concerting the actions of partners.



## Support Activities

Coordination of regional engagement.



## Collaboration with Organizations

Partnership with the First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) to implement a training program for housing managers and a community of practice on housing (CoPH).

Partnership with tribal councils in the materialization of the pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG).

Partnership to support regional housing tables.

Partnership to collaborate with ABSCAN in the implementation of its strategic model.

Beginning of collaboration with the National Council Research Council Canada (NRC).

Analysis of the Action Plan in response to the recommendations of the First Nations Housing on Reserves Deep Dive and discussion with ISC Headquarters so that any changes reflect the reality of the Quebec region.

Preliminary discussion with the Unifor union in anticipation of a possible contribution to a significant project for the First Nations in Quebec in the field of housing and infrastructure.



National Research Council Canada

Conseil national de recherches Canada

### CMHC Renovation Allocation Quebec 2020-2021

First Nation Name	Allocation
Algonquins of Barriere Lake	\$0
Atikamekw d'Opitciwan	\$20,000
Bande des Innus de Pessamit	\$20,000
Communauté anicinape de Kitcisakik	\$0
Conseil de la Première Nation Abitibiwinni	\$0
Conseil des Atikamekw de Wemotaci	\$20,000
Cree Nations (all)	\$114,048
Innu TakuaiKAN Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam	\$30,000
Innu Essipit	\$0
Kebaowek First Nation	\$0
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg	\$20,000
La Nation Innu Matimekush-Lac John	\$0
La Nation Micmac de Gespeg	\$0
Les Atikamekw de Manawan	\$20,000
Les Innus de Ekuanitshit	\$0
Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government	\$20,000
Long Point First Nation	\$0
Micmacs of Gesgapegiag	\$20,000
Mohawks of Kahnawá:ke	\$50,000
Mohawks of Kanesatake	\$20,000
Montagnais de Pakua Shipi	\$0
Montagnais de Unamen Shipu	\$20,000
Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach	\$0
Nation Anishnabe du Lac Simon	\$20,000
Nation Huronne Wendat	\$30,000
Odanak	\$20,000
Oujé-Bougoumou Cree Nation	\$0
Première nation de Whapmagoostui	\$0
Première Nation des Abénakis de Wôlinak	\$0
Première Nation des Innus de Nutashkuan	\$20,000
Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh	\$20,000
Première Nation Wolastoqiyik (Malécite) Wahsipekuk	\$0
Timiskaming First Nation	\$20,000
Wolf Lake	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$504 048</b>

### 2020-2021 CMHC Section 95 allocation

Communities	Lifetime costs
Nation Huronne Wendat	\$0
Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government	\$270,088
Micmacs of Gesgapegiag	\$262,488
Conseil de la Première Nation Abitibiwinni	\$131,244
Nation Anishnabe du Lac Simon	\$787,463
Timiskaming First Nation	\$141,588
Eagle Village First Nation - Kipawa	\$111,588
Long Point First Nation	\$262,488
Mohawks of Kanesatake	\$0
Mohawks of Kahnawá:ke	\$460,614
Abénakis de Wôlinak	\$0
Odanak	\$0
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg	\$131,244
Algonquins of Barriere Lake	\$0
Montagnais du Lac St.-Jean	\$0
Conseil des Atikamekw de Wemotaci	\$393,731
Les Atikamekw de Manawan	\$1,049,951
Atikamekw d'Opitciwan	\$1,031,013
Innu TakuaiKAN Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam	\$524,975
Les Innus de Ekuanitshit	\$131,244
Montagnais de Natashquan	\$0
Montagnais de Unamen Shipu	\$664,394
Bande des Innus de Pessamit	\$524,975
Innu Essipit	\$0
La Nation Innu Matimekush-Lac John	\$0
Montagnais de Pakua Shipi	\$221,465
Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach	\$456,035
CREEs	\$3,813,921
Reserve Fund	\$30,371
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,400,878</b>

## KEY ORIENTATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

Beyond regular activities, the RTHC will undertake the following actions in 2020-2021:

### Continued implementation of the Regional Strategy Development Phase

Three major activities will unfold during the year:

- Continuation of the implementation of the capacity development initiative;
- Continued financial and economic analysis (moderns financing tools, partnerships, catch-up project (on and off-community), economic benefits);
- Institutional development options analysis.

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The Committee will continue to define mandates, coordinate and follow up on them. He will report to its authorities and keep First Nations informed throughout the process.

### Implementation of the Programs Related to the 2018 Federal Budget

Collaboration in the implementation of the programs related to the funds for housing from the 2018 federal budget (years 2 and 3, 2019-2021) 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. The year 2020-2021 is the last of the Housing Initiative launched in 2018.

### Continuation of Initiatives Already Embarked Upon

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

- Training program for housing managers (attestation of collegial studies) and implementation of a community of practice in housing (CoPH).
- Pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG).
- Regional housing tables.
- ABSCAN's initiatives.
- Lot development trust fund administered by ABSCAN.

The Committee will finish preparing complementary tools on its 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.: the evolution of the pandemic and its possible effects on housing issues specific to First Nations, housing reform, implementation of the Action Plan arising from the Deep Dive exercise on First Nations housing, the reallocation of funds from the 2018 federal budget, the regionalization of the next federal housing initiative).

THIS REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY THE COORDINATING MEMBERS OF THE RTHC ON DECEMBER 4, 2020. Documents produced by the RTHC are available on-line at the following address: <https://apnql.com/en/regional-tripartite-housing-committee/>



## Reconciliation millions of dollars

	2017 -2018	2018 -2019	2019 -2020	2020 -2021	2021 -2022	2022 -2023	Total
<b>3.1 Achieving Better Results for Indigenous Peoples</b>							
Ensuring That Indigenous Children Are Safe and Supported Within Their Communities	70	295	270	265	270	278	1,449
Clean and Safe Drinking Water on Reserve	0	102	50	21	0	0	173
Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program	0	66	93	93	96	99	447
Less: Projected Revenues	0	-10	-28	-29	-30	-31	-127
Support for Distinctions-Based Housing Strategies	0	285	285	291	91	91	1,044
Less: Funds existing in the Fiscal Framework	0	-260	-260	-260	-60	-60	-900
Indigenous Health: Keeping Families Healthy in Their Communities	0	410	480	240	212	155	1,497
Supporting Métis Nation Priorities	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Increased Health Support for Survivors of Indian Residential Schools and Their Families	0	78	83	88	0	0	249
Supporting the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Creating a More Responsive Income Assistance Program That Addresses the Needs of First Nations Communities	0	43	44	0	0	0	87
Supporting Indigenous History and Heritage	0	3	5	7	5	5	24
Less: Funds Sourced from Existing Departmental Resources	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-9
Indigenous Sport	0	10	10	10	10	10	48
Supporting the Expansion of the <i>First Nations Land Management Act</i> and the Successful Participation of First Nations Under the Act	0	15	21	29	37	41	143
Renewing the Matrimonial Real Property Implementation Support Program	0	3	3	0	0	0	6
<b>3.1 Achieving Better Results for Indigenous Peoples Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>4,144</b>
<b>3.2 Rights and Self-Determination</b>							
Supporting the Recognition of Rights and Self-Determination	0	22	30	0	0	0	51
Helping Indigenous Nations Reconstitute	0	20	20	20	20	20	102
Permanent Bilateral Mechanisms	0	13	16	16	16	16	75
New Fiscal Relationship—Strengthening First Nations Institutions and Community Capacity	0	71	81	13	12	11	189
New Fiscal Relationship: Collaboration With Self-Governing Indigenous Governments	0	189	0	0	0	0	189
Strengthening Indigenous Data and Research Capability	0	4	1	1	1	1	8
<b>3.2 Rights and Self-Determination Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>Chapter 3—Net Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>4,757</b>