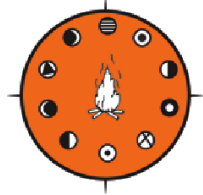


Regional Tripartite Housing Committee



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2020-2021 Annual Report

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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.

COVID-19: a Highlight!

COVID-19 is, without a doubt, the highlight of 2020. The pandemic has had an impact on all spheres of society. As was the case in all organizations, the RTHC had to adjust to this new reality. From the start of the first wave, the operational members of the Committee increased the pace of virtual meetings. The issues were targeted, discussed and reported to the respective authorities to ensure appropriate follow-up. The implementation of our Action Plan was somewhat delayed, but it was a good opportunity to conduct an in-depth review to ensure that our actions contribute to improving the resilience capacity of First Nations communities in Quebec, in order to minimize the impacts of events such as COVID-19. The resilience capacity is also one of the major principles that guided the drafting of our new 2021-2023 Action Plan. Deconfinement, the return to a "new normal" are announced for the next year. The Action Plan offers enough flexibility to allow our activities to be adapted accordingly.



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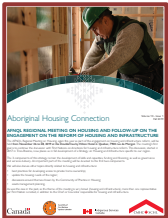
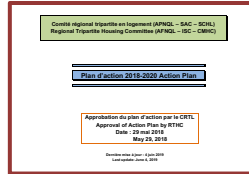
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Key Achievements in 2020-2021

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

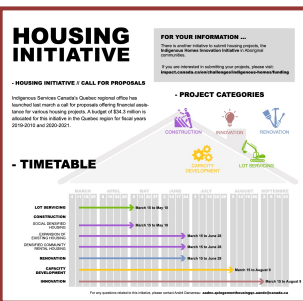
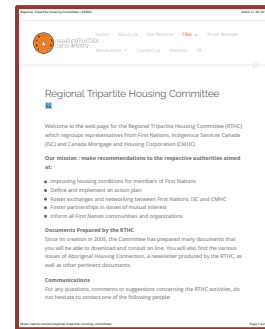
Implementation of the Action Plan for 2018-2020.

Development of the 2021-2023 Action Plan.



Publication of the *Aboriginal Housing Connection Newsletter, Vol. 12, No. 1.*

Important information posted by the Committee on the AFNQL's website and dissemination to First Nations communities and organizations.



Collaboration in the reflection surrounding the regionalization of the next Federal Government Housing Initiative.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

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.





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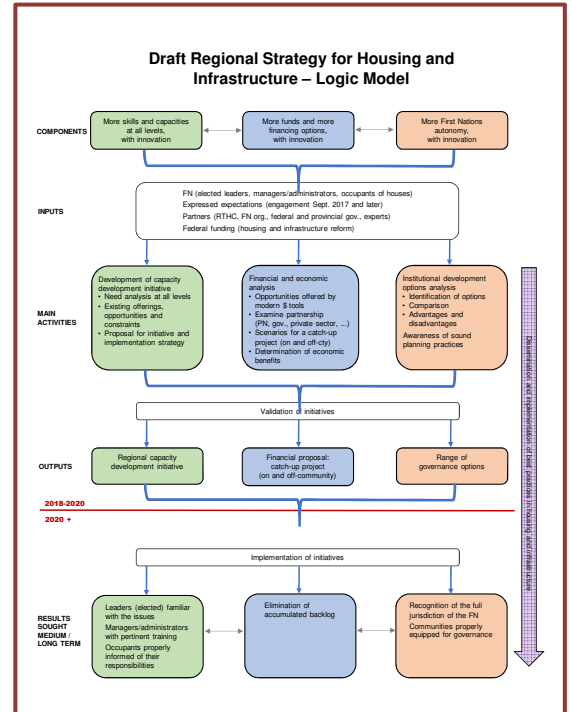
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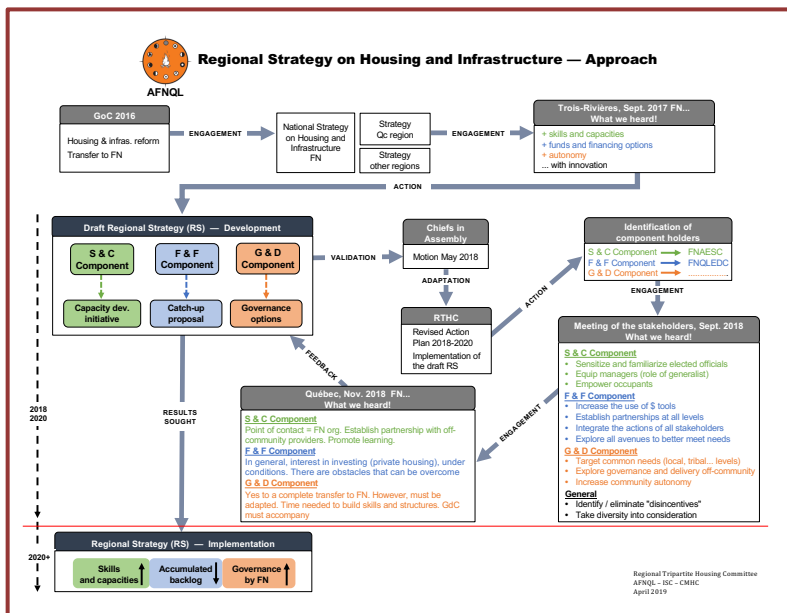
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Collaborative strategy to further develop and implement the Regional Housing and Infrastructure Strategy.

- 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.
- 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



SUPPORT ACTIVITIES



Reflection on the next stages of regional engagement.



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COLLABORATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS

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



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.



Collaboration with the National Council Research Council Canada (NRC) to identify solutions to certain technical issues facing First Nations.



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.



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Key Orientations for the Year 2021-2022

The year 2021-2022 is the first of the period covered by the new Biennial Action Plan of the RTHC. In addition to regular activities, the following files will be at the center of the concerns of the RTHC in 2021-2022:

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) which is now entering its second phase;
- Institutional development options analysis based on progress on the other 2 components of the Strategy.

More skills and capacities at all levels with innovation

More funds and more financing options with innovation

More First Nations autonomy with innovation

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 2021 FEDERAL BUDGET



Collaboration in the implementation of the programs related to the funds for housing from the 2021 federal budget (years 2 and 3, 2019-2021) is intended to ensure that information is shared with First Nations and organizations. The ground must also be constantly prepared for a possible reallocation of national funds. Such reallocations have taken place in the past, and the region has been able to benefit from it

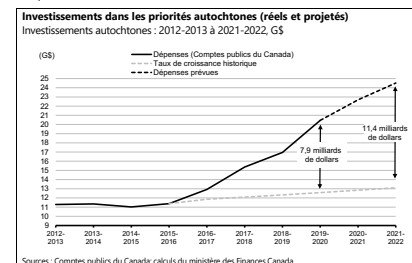
because of, among other things, a well-established action plan. Additional investments in housing were announced. Details are awaited.

Des communautés autochtones fortes

BACKGROUNDER

Aucune relation n'est plus importante pour le gouvernement fédéral que celle qu'il entretient avec les peuples autochtones. Le gouvernement fédéral continue de travailler avec les peuples autochtones afin d'établir des relations de nation à nation, Inuits-Couronne et de gouvernement à gouvernement; une relation fondée sur le respect, les partenariats et la reconnaissance des droits.

Dans le cadre du budget de 2021, le gouvernement fédéral propose un nouvel investissement historique de plus de 18 milliards de dollars au cours des cinq prochaines années afin d'améliorer la qualité de vie et de créer de nouvelles possibilités pour les habitants des communautés autochtones. En collaboration avec les partenaires autochtones, ces investissements contribueront à combler les écarts entre les peuples autochtones et non autochtones, favoriseront la santé, la sécurité et la prospérité des communautés autochtones et feront avancer une réconciliation significative avec les Premières Nations, les Inuits et la Nation métisse. Ces investissements permettront de poursuivre les mesures liées aux infrastructures et à l'eau potable. Ils se traduiront également par des gestes concrets concernant la nouvelle approche qui est nécessaire pour mettre fin à la tragédie nationale des femmes et des filles autochtones disparues et assassinées, une approche qui s'attaque aux causes profondes et à l'ampleur de la violence.





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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.

ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING

Insofar as the pandemic context allows, the regional meeting on housing organized by the AFNQL will be held again in 2021-2022.

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 deployment of the 2021 Federal Budget and its alignment with regional priorities, 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 national funds).

THIS REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY THE COORDINATING MEMBERS OF THE RTHC ON MAY 27, 2021.

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