

Regional Tripartite Housing Committee (RTHC)



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Minutes Meeting of January 29, 2026

Attendees:	Lance Haymond, AFNQL Guy Latouche, AFNQL Pierre Bélanger, CMHC Jean-François Samuel, CMHC Ina Wielinga, CMHC	Sean Somers, ISC Isabelle Déry, ISC André Dansereau, ISC Nathalie Spénard, ISC
Guest:	Martine Francoeur, CMHC	
Absent:	Eric Bouchard, ISC	

Facilitator: Isabelle Déry

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes from October 22, 2025, were reviewed. There are no follow-up actions currently in progress.

2. Post-mortem: AFNQL/Coph Regional Housing Meeting

The discussions highlighted the following points:

Positive Points

- The two-part format (virtual information session + in-person discussions and workshops) helps maintain momentum and appears to be well-received.
- Strong presence of the regional chief with a unifying message.
- Good mobilization of chiefs and significant presence of the next generation of housing leaders.
- High turnout (over 110 people) with a high level of interaction (questions and comments).
- Relevant presentations that encouraged discussion and participation. Notable examples include those related to the Housing Circuit Riders (HCRs), the Housing Management Plan, and the Manikaso Centre.
- High-quality facilitation and very well-managed logistics.
- A unifying and collaborative atmosphere.

Areas for improvement

- Provide more networking opportunities (e.g., add a 4-to-6-style activity, longer lunch breaks, and extended breaks).
 - Better highlight certain content (HCRs, Point of Contact in Housing).
 - Adjust the length of certain presentations, which should be limited to a maximum of 1.5 hours or separated by a break. The session on artificial intelligence was relevant but too long (the audience lost focus).
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3. Build Canada Homes: Status Report

Discussion and sharing following the presentation by Marc-André Anderson (Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada) on the new federal Agency Build Canada Homes, delivered at the Regional Housing Meeting.

4. Build Canada Homes (BCH) – Regional Approach and Strategy

The RTHC agrees that developing a project-based conceptual approach—tailored to and led by Quebec’s First Nations—is the best way to attract the interest of BCH. This would be a project specific to the Quebec region.

This approach would take into account the implementation capacities as well as the housing governance structure specific to Quebec’s First Nations communities.

The RTHC’s Operational Committee has been tasked with developing and proposing this approach. It would then be presented by Lance Haymond to the authorities at BCH.

5. Next Meeting

The Operational Committee will make a recommendation regarding potential dates for the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 12:00 p.m.