

## **Engagement on an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy**

Indigenous Peoples, regardless of where they live, face unique barriers to affordable housing and have higher incidence of housing need than non-Indigenous households. Indigenous Peoples are also at higher risk of experiencing homelessness.

While the National Housing Strategy prioritizes Indigenous and northern housing projects, significant gaps exist in addressing the housing needs of Indigenous Peoples living in urban, rural and northern areas.

The Government of Canada, through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, has committed to co-develop and launch an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy. This survey aims to gain the views for a long-term vision for urban, rural and northern housing in Canada, identify priority areas, investments and solutions.

The input received will inform the co-development of an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy with Indigenous partners.

This engagement process builds on the work of previous reports and recommendations on this important issue and we'd like to ask for your perspective.

We understand that sharing any negative experiences may be triggering to participants. If you need support, the following resource is available:

Hope for Wellness: **1-855-242-3310** or [hopeforwellness.ca](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

### **1. Which of the following option(s) best explains your perspective? (You may be representing an organization or you may be representing individual views).**

Indigenous Housing and Service Provider. Please specify:	First Nation	Métis	Inuit
Indigenous person. Please specify:	First Nation	Métis	Inuit
Indigenous Government. Please specify:	First Nation	Métis	Inuit
Indigenous Organization. Please specify:	First Nation	Métis	Inuit

Non-Indigenous Housing and Service Provider  
Non-Indigenous person  
Non-Indigenous Organization  
Non-Indigenous Government  
Representative of Province or Territory  
Representative of Municipality, city, township or hamlet  
Other – Please specify:

## 2. Do you identify with one of the following Indigenous groups in Canada?

Member of a First Nation or First Nation band, and/or Registered or Treaty First Nation  
Inuit person enrolled under, or beneficiary of, an Inuit land claims agreement  
Registered Métis Citizen and/or Member

Please specify:

Métis Nation of Ontario  
Manitoba Métis Federation  
Métis Nation- Saskatchewan  
Métis Nation of Alberta  
Métis Settlements General Council (in Alberta)  
Métis Nation British Columbia  
Northwest Territories Métis Nation  
Other Métis group in Northwest Territories

Other affiliation please specify:

Group not mentioned above – Please specify, such as either Non-Status First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

Non-Indigenous person  
Prefer not to answer  
Not Applicable

## 3. Which type of region do you provide services for, or if not a provider, live in or are commenting on? (Please select all that apply.)

Urban      Please specify region (Optional)  
Rural      Please specify region (Optional)  
North      Please specify region (Optional)

**4. Which type of region do you provide services for, or if not a provider, live in or are commenting on? (Please select all that apply.)**

First Nations community and/or communities. Please specify:

First Nation person living outside of community. Please specify:

First Nations community and/or communities in modern treaty or self-governing territory. Please specify:

A historic Métis community and/or Métis Settlement. Please specify:

Métis outside of a historic Métis community and/or Métis Settlement. Please specify:

Inuit Nunangat (In one of the following regions: Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut, Inuvialuit).

Please specify:

Inuit outside of Inuit Nunangat. Please specify:

Prefer not to answer

Not Applicable

**5. Please add any additional information that you may wish to share. (e.g. Name of your government or organization etc.) (Optional)**

**6. Within which province or territory are you located or would like to comment about the housing needs of Indigenous Peoples? (Please select all that apply.)**

Alberta

British Columbia

Manitoba

New Brunswick

Newfoundland and Labrador

Northwest Territories

Nova Scotia

Nunavut

Ontario

Prince Edward Island

Quebec

Saskatchewan

Yukon

All (National)

## Towards an Urban Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy

7. **What do you think a new Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy should provide? Please include the areas of the housing continuum** (For example, should it focus on housing for individuals and households in greatest housing need and the most vulnerable? Should it cover the entire housing continuum from shelters to supportive and transitional housing, to affordable rental housing through to market rental housing and homeownership?)

8. **What should be the vision for the Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy?**

**9. In the spirit of reconciliation, what are the guiding principles that should guide the Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy?** (We have mentioned and we will continue to recognize the spirit of reconciliation and self-determination, and in this context there can be other more specific principles to be considered surrounding planning, building or delivery of services, and more).

**10. What do you think should be the objectives of the Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy?**

**11. What do you think are the main barriers to housing that the new Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy could help to address?**

**12. What do you think should be the key housing priorities that the new Urban, Rural and Northern Strategy should cover?**

**13. What do you think are the particular housing priorities and solutions to meet the housing needs of Indigenous people in urban areas? (Optional)**

**14. What do you think are the particular housing priorities and solutions to meet the housing needs of Indigenous people in rural areas? (Optional)**

**15. What do you think are the particular housing priorities and solutions to meet the housing needs of Indigenous people in northern areas? (Optional)**

**16. What do you think can be prioritized in the short term (up to 3 years), to achieve better housing outcomes?**

**17. What do you think can be prioritized in the medium term (from about 3 to 5 years) to achieve better housing outcomes?**

**18. What do you think can be prioritized in the long term to achieve better housing outcomes?**

**19. What are possible funding delivery model(s) for the Strategy given the many diverse Indigenous housing needs across the country and within regions?**

**20. The Urban, Rural and Northern Housing Strategy is intended to complement the National Housing Strategy and the 3 existing distinctions-based housing strategies for First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Do you have additional thoughts on how this Strategy can complement other housing strategies?**



**21. How can funding be delivered to reach Indigenous households in urban, rural and northern areas that need it the most?**

**We are committed to an Indigenous-led approach to the development of an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy and value the ideas you are providing.**

National Housing Strategy supply programs, such as the Rapid Housing Initiative, the National Housing Co-Investment Fund, the Rental Construction Financing initiative, Affordable Housing Innovation Fund and Federal Lands Initiative are available to support Indigenous Peoples' housing needs.

The following questions are meant to help us understand your level of awareness of the initiatives under the National Housing Strategy, and to seek any comments on improvements to these programs and initiatives.

**22. Please rate your level of awareness for each to these programs:**

<b>Rapid Housing Initiative</b>	Very Aware	Moderately Aware	Slightly Aware	Not at all Aware
<b>National Housing Co-Investment Fund</b>	Very Aware	Moderately Aware	Slightly Aware	Not at all Aware

<b>Rental Construction Financing initiative</b>	Very Aware	Moderately Aware	Slightly Aware	Not at all Aware
<b>Affordable Housing Innovation Fund</b>	Very Aware	Moderately Aware	Slightly Aware	Not at all Aware
<b>Federal Lands Initiative</b>	Very Aware	Moderately Aware	Slightly Aware	Not at all Aware

**23. How can the Rapid Housing Initiative better support or be improved to meet the needs of Indigenous people in urban, rural, and northern areas? (Optional)**

**24. How can the National Housing Co-Investment Fund better support or be improved to meet the needs of Indigenous people in urban, rural, and northern areas? (Optional)**

**25. How can the Rental Construction Financing initiative better support or be improved to meet the needs of Indigenous people in urban, rural and northern areas? (Optional)**

**26. How can the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund better support or be improved to meet the needs of Indigenous people in urban, rural and northern areas? (Optional)**

**27. How can the Federal Lands Initiative better support or be improved to meet the needs of Indigenous people in urban, rural and northern areas? (Optional)**

By choosing to submit this form to CMHC, you are consenting to the collection, use, disclosure, retention, handling and processing of your personal information, and other information. Non personal information will be shared with National Indigenous Organizations and Indigenous partners undertaking engagements with their membership. Please ensure that all information that you provide is true, accurate and complete. For more information, please consult our [privacy policy](#).

**Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!**

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Nakurmik / Kukwstsétsemc / Woliwun / Wela'lin**

**Return the survey via email or mail:**

**[placetocallhome@cmhc-schl.gc.ca](mailto:placetocallhome@cmhc-schl.gc.ca)**

OR

**Urban Rural Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy Engagement  
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation**

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Ottawa, Ontario  
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**Translations available**

Contact us if you need the survey translated into an Indigenous language or dialect before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Further comments or ideas and to learn more**

For further comments or ideas you want to include, please add a page at the end of the survey and include it in your response. If submitting electronically, provide extra comments in the email.

If you would like to learn more about the National Housing Strategy programs, visit our website at:  
<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/nhs>

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