

Program Summary

Housing Department



Overview

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation (CNUFN) is committed to providing safe, affordable, quality homes to First Nation Members. The purpose of the CNUFN housing program is to create a self-sustaining, independent fund that allows for CNUFN to build, buy, rent and repair homes according to community needs and priorities. CNUFN has developed this Policy for the betterment of our community. Having a structured housing policy will provide a framework for the staff of the Housing Department, members of the Housing Committee, and the Council, so that together the housing program can be delivered in a manner that is unbiased, transparent and feasible.

Objectives and Services

CNUFN aims to fulfill the following housing goals for its members: (a) to build and provide access to safe, affordable and energy efficient housing that meets applicable building standards;

(b) to develop and administer a maintenance program to ensure minimum levels of health and safety are met;

(c) to extend the useful life of the existing First Nation Administered Homes;

(d) to promote homeownership by providing eligible Members with access to affordable and competitive mortgages through the Market Based Housing Program; and

(e) to promote homeownership through personal contributions.

Target Audience

"Homeowner" means a Member to whom possession of a home or residential property on First Nation Land, has been allotted by Council in accordance with section 20 of the *Indian Act*, as amended, and includes Borrowers.

"Tenant" means a person who has entered into a Rental Agreement or Rent-to-Own Agreement and pays Rent or who is required to pay Rent to First Nation in return for the right to occupy a First Nation Administered Home.

Recent Developments

CNUFN Housing Department is currently undertaking two projects. One is the repair and renovation to Band Rental Units. This project will aim to carry out repairs and renovation on band rental units over a period of five years.

The other project is the ongoing development of a new subdivision at Farm Road.

Recent Limitations

CNUFN Housing Department is currently focused on completing the Yearly Financial Audit process and organizing all Housing Department files.

If the Housing Department does not completed our required financial reporting as per Indigenous Services Canada and Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation guidelines we risk losing future funding to build, renovate, and repair homes.

We understand that a number of people are waiting for Mortgage or Rental Statements. Rest assured that we are working on them. The community can help us by being patient when making requests to the Housing Department and ensuring that the request they are making falls under the Housing Department mandate prior to contacting the Housing Department. In the future we hope to be able to provide a more personalized service to all Band Members, but at this time we are very focused on ensuring the continuation and sustainability of building homes in community.

Next Steps

CNUFN plans to resume sending quarterly (every 3 months) statements to all Band Members who have an account with us.

We will also be contacting members whose files are closed to collect their hard copy files or give CNUFN Housing Department permission to shed the files. Please note we are making digital copies of all files before we start contacting members for direction regarding their closed files.

CMHC RRAP Loans are always taking applications and are submitted on a First Come First Served basis. Please note that there are limited funds under this program and we are only able to help a few households each year. Applications are not considered "submitted" until all required documentation is received by the Housing Department. Contact us for any questions.

Community Engagement

If you have any questions about CNUFN Housing Department or our services please contact us using the information provided on the CNUFN Website under the "Housing" page.