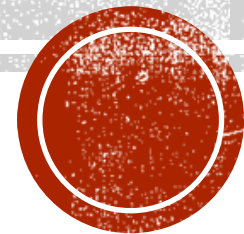


# **WOMEN HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

**April 30, 2021 Band General Presentation**



# SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS

- **2020 New Approach for Housing Support (NAHS) Health & Safety Renovations Project (Note – a Capital Project):**
  - 21 homes being renovated to as part of the initiative improve the overall health & safety standard of homes within the Community;
  - Worth approx. \$940,000;
  - Works scheduled to be completed by October 2020;
  - Renovations based on data following works previously performed:
    - 2018 Home Inspections as part of the WMFN Housing Management and Maintenance Plan development;
    - 2019 Community Power Home Inspections program to determine home energy efficiency; and
    - Home visits made in 2019 and 2020 by Housing Manager and FNHA's Environmental Health Officer during the 2020 NAHS funding application process.
- **CMHC S.95 Supplemental Funding Renovations Project( Note – a Capital Project):**
  - We received an additional \$ for health & safety renovation for the 6 residential units in WMFN's Group #2 Social Housing Program.
- **WMFN's ongoing Social Housing Maintenance Program:**
  - Funded by the CMHC Replacement Reserve Fund program, of which part of the monthly rent goes towards this account to enable WMFN to perform repairs as needed;
    - WMFN spent approx. \$209,000 in 2020 on various repairs to Social Housing units;
    - Approx. \$600,000 in repairs left to complete as Replacement Reserve Funds allow, on a priority basis.



# SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS CONT'D

- **Bat House Project:**
  - To provide alternate roosting and nesting sites within WMFN, other than residences and Nation-owned buildings.
- **WMFN Housing Policy Review and Revision:**
  - Ongoing – with completion scheduled for fall of 2021; and
  - Development and approval of a WMFN Member-Owned Housing Policy.
- **Housing Department staff expansion and development:**
  - **Housing Administrative Assistant Intern:**
    - Partially funded by CMHC's Housing Initiative for First Nations and Inuit Youth (HIIFNIY);
    - Phase 1 completed;
    - Submitting application for Phase 2 funding.
    - Goal being to have Intern (WMFN member) become permanent, full-time position.
  - **WMFN Housing Maintenance Skills Development (partially funded by CMHC):**
    - **On-The-Job Training Candidate Program for a Housing Maintenance Assistant in Training:**
      - Phase 1 completed;
      - Submitting application for Phase 2 funding.
      - Goal being to have Trainee (WMFN Member) become permanent, full-time position.
    - **Building Officers Association of BC (BOABC) Building Inspector Certification:**
      - Housing Maintenance Assistant has completed training; and
      - Needs to successfully complete examination to receive certification.



# SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS CONT'D

- **CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative (Note- a Capital Project):**
  - Funding application submitted Dec.28, 2020;
  - \$7.729Million Project;
  - 9 new structures, consisting of:
    - Modular buildings to be in place by March 31, 2022;
    - 3 Multi Family Dwellings;
      - 2 duplexes for Homeless and Transitional/Support Housing; and
      - 1 Elders Triplex; and
    - 6 Single Family Dwellings.
  - Update – While we may not have secured the funding during the initial round of approval for \$500 Million of Aboriginal Projects, WMFN's application ranked strong enough to be held pending further funding requested of the Federal Government under the new Federal Budget. Over \$4.7Billion worth of Aboriginal Projects applied for this funding initiative.
  - Approval pending this additional funding approval , expected during Parliament's Spring Sessions.
- **Housing Strategy Project:**
  - Initiated in 2019;
  - Scheduled for completion in 2020;
  - Extended due to COVID-19;
  - Community Meeting to deliver final Draft of Strategy to WMFN Members once we can perform gatherings post-COVID and have Chief & Council approve for implementation, hopefully to be scheduled for fall 2021.
  - Highlight:
    - Need 25 new homes on-reserve by 2025, if we have the infrastructure to support this; and
    - Need a total of 52 new homes on reserve buy 2038.



# HOUSING MAINTENANCE BOOKLET

- A digital copy of the WMFN Housing Maintenance Booklet will be made available all members on the Nations' website as soon as we are able to do so.



**QUESTIONS?**



# DOOR PRIZES

- Yard Work Pkg:
  - 75' Expandable garden hose;
  - Adjustable garden hose nozzle;
  - Gloves;
  - Lawn sprinkler; and
  - Mini garden hoe.

