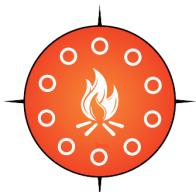


# Regional Tripartite Housing Committee



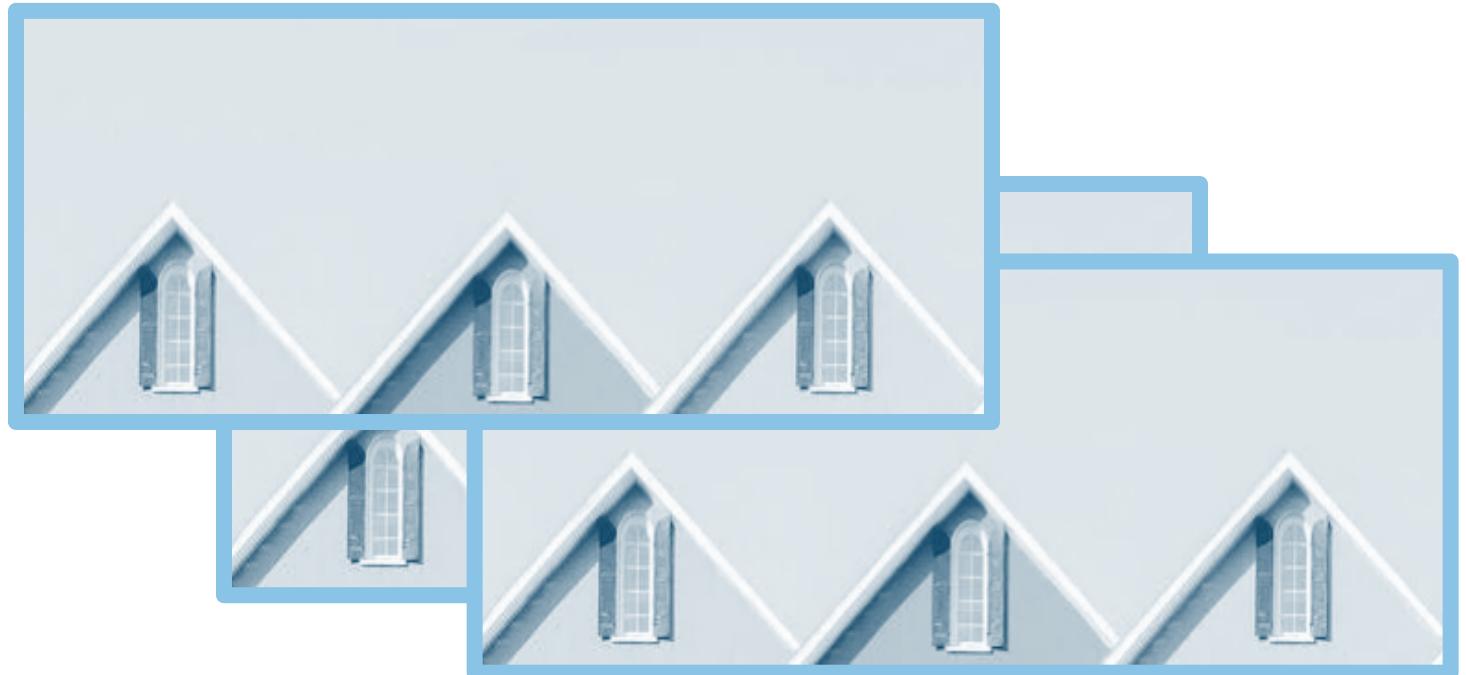
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## 2023-2024 Annual Report

June 18, 2024 (Approved)

# Background

This report is a summary of the Regional Tripartite Housing Committee's (RTHC) activities during the year 2023-2024 as well as the main orientations that will guide its actions in 2024-2025.

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 to advance the files of mutual concern.

The Committee's Action Plan covers a period of 2 years (2023-2025) and is integrated into the Regional Strategy, which itself stems from the engagement that began in 2017 as part of the housing and infrastructure reform. The Action Plan is made up of 3 components:

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.

## A Return to “Normal”

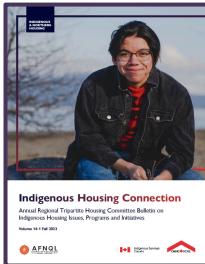
The year 2023-2024 follows a pivotal post-pandemic year. It is truly in 2023 that housing activities resumed their normal course after the years strongly marked by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and the transition observed in 2022. It is more accurate to speak of a return to a “new normal” considering the explosion in construction costs and the labor and supply issues with which First Nations must deal.

The Committee's Action Plan was therefore drafted with the concern that its actions contribute to improving the resilience capacity of First Nations communities in Quebec with the aim of minimizing the impacts of major events. The continued implementation of the Regional Housing and Infrastructure Strategy also aims to strengthen local skills and capacities to prepare the ground for closing the housing gap.

# Key Achievements in 2023-2024

## Regular Activities

Implementation of the Action Plan for 2023-2025.



Aboriginal *Housing Connection Newsletter* revamped with the inclusion of new sections: Success Stories and Partners' Information Capsules.

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



Discussions surrounding the regionalization of the ISC Housing Initiative 2024-2027.

Discussions surrounding the regionalization of First Nations Child and Family Services Program (FNCFS) funds to meet the housing needs of children and families.

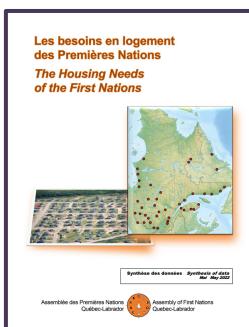
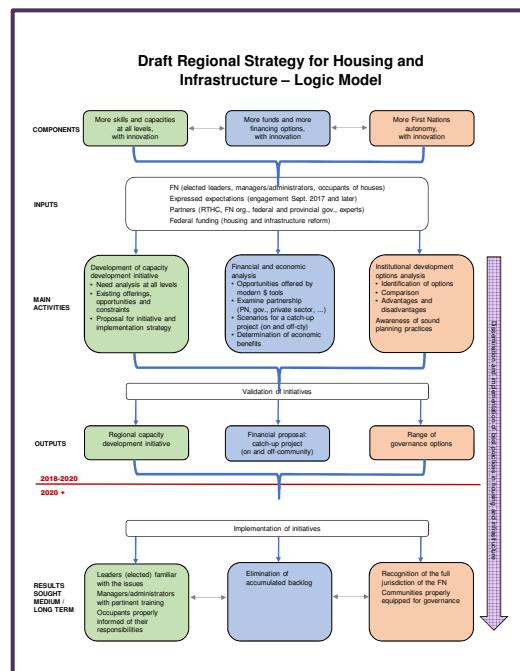


Collaboration in the holding of the regional meeting on housing, divided into two parts: virtually in September 2023, followed by a face-to-face meeting in November 2023.

## Strategic Actions

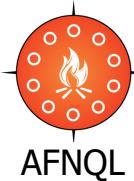
Collaborative strategy to further develop and implement the Regional Housing and Infrastructure Strategy.

- 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, which entered a second phase, which has entered a second phase with the establishment of a Center of Expertise in Financial Literacy and Housing.



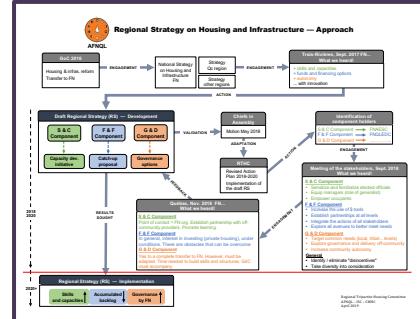
Regional reflection on persistent housing issues, more than 20 years after the first AFNQL report on the housing needs of First Nations.

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## Support Activities

Continuation of regional engagement.



Strengthening CMHC-ISC collaboration in construction, renovation and capacity building to better meet the needs of First Nations and optimize resources.

## Collaboration with Organizations

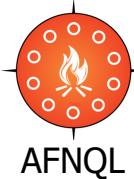
Partnership with the First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) in the implementation of the training program for housing managers, the community of practice on housing (CoPH) and the Point of Contact in Housing (PoCH).



Partnership with tribal councils in the materialization of the pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG).



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Partnership to support regional housing tables.



Partnership to collaborate with ABSAN in the implementation of its strategic model.



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SAVINGS CORPORATION  
OF CANADA

Continued discussions with the Community Housing Transformation Center (CHTC) aimed at increasing the housing supply.



Continuation of the discussion with the Unifor union in anticipation of a possible contribution in a significant project for the First Nations in Quebec in the field of housing and infrastructure. In November 2021, as part of the Grand Economic Circle of Indigenous People and Quebec, Unifor made a firm commitment to *"contribute concretely to the implementation of solutions to the thorny issue of the housing crisis raging in Aboriginal communities in Quebec."*



# Key Orientations for the Year 2024-2025

The year 2023-2024 is the first of the period covered by the RTHC's new biennial Action Plan. In addition to regular activities, the following issues will be at the center of the RTHC's concerns.

## 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;
- Second phase of development of the Funding and Financing with the deployment of the Center of Expertise in Financial Literacy and Housing, the Manikaso Centre; <https://cdepnql.org/en/our-services/services-for-communities/manikaso-centre/>
- 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 2022 and 2024 Federal Budgets

### Investir dans le logement abordable pour les communautés autochtones

L'accès à un logement sûr et abordable est essentiel en vue d'améliorer les conditions de vie des Premières Nations, des communautés et des enfants autochtones. C'est la raison pour laquelle le gouvernement fédéral a engagé plus de 2,7 milliards de dollars pour soutenir le logement autochtone.

Ensuite, pour ces investissements, le budget de 2022 propose de verser 4 milliards de dollars supplémentaires sur sept ans, à compter de 2022-2023, à Services aux Autochtones Canada et à Relations Couronne-Autochtones. Ces fonds serviront à développer le Manikaso Centre pour aider à combler les lacunes en matière de logement dans les communautés autochtones suivantes.

Le gouvernement sait également que les peuples autochtones, où qu'ils vivent, font face à des obstacles à l'accès à un logement abordable qui leur sont propres.

Le budget de 2022 propose d'investir 300 millions de dollars sur cinq ans pour soutenir le logement des Premières Nations dans les réserves.

Un financement de 565 millions de dollars sur cinq ans pour soutenir le logement dans les communautés des Premières Nations autochtones et inuites, dans les réserves et les terrains réservés.

Un financement de 845 millions de dollars sur sept ans pour soutenir le logement dans les communautés inuites.

Un financement de 119 millions de dollars sur sept ans pour soutenir le logement dans les communautés autochtones.

Le gouvernement sait également que les peuples autochtones, où qu'ils vivent, font face à des obstacles à l'accès à un logement abordable qui leur sont propres.

Le budget de 2022 propose d'investir 300 millions de dollars dans les communautés autochtones et inuites, dans les réserves et les terrains réservés, pour une période de 2022-2023 à 2027-2028. Cela contribuera à la longue durée du Programme des services à l'enfance et à la famille des Premières Nations afin de répondre aux besoins en matière de logement des enfants autochtones. Ces mesures font partie d'un plan à long terme.

En plus de ces nouveaux investissements, le gouvernement fédéral affectera 2,3 milliards de dollars supplémentaires sur sept ans pour soutenir à long terme le Programme des services à l'enfance et à la famille des Premières Nations afin de répondre aux besoins en matière de logement des enfants autochtones. Ces mesures font partie d'un plan à long terme.

Ces mesures se traduisent par un financement combiné de 6,3 milliards de dollars sur sept ans pour l'amélioration et l'augmentation de l'offre de logements pour les Autochtones au Canada.

Additional pluriannual investments in housing were announced during the tabling of the 2022 Federal Budget. Implementation details are now known.

Collaboration in the implementation of programs resulting from the housing funds is well underway.

Other additional sums were announced in 2024, but the details are not known at this time.

In either case, we will ensure that the information is well communicated to 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.

| Chapter 6<br>A Fair Future for Indigenous Peoples<br>millions of dollars            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |       |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|   | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 | 2025-2026 | 2026-2027 | 2027-2028 | 2028-2029 | 2029-2030 | Total |
| 4.1. Investing in the<br>Higher Future for<br>Indigenous Peoples<br>and Communities | 57        | 1,066     | 1,128     | 629       | 211       | 226       | 2,839     |       |
| Education   | 0         | 6         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 12        |       |
| Education, Youth<br>and Culture   | 0         | 411       | 570       | 205       | 0         | 0         | 1,154     |       |
| Education, Youth<br>and Culture, Early<br>Learning and<br>Secondary Education       | 0         | 79        | 81        | 82        | 0         | 0         | 242       |       |
| Research and Learning   | 0         | 3         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 3         |       |
| Training and Every<br>Indigenous Child  | 57        | 479       | 372       | 254       | 155       | 160       | 1,525     |       |
| Supporting Indigenous<br>Culture  | 0         | 58        | 58        | 58        | 50        | 58        | 290       |       |
| Supporting Urban<br>Indigenous Peoples  | 0         | 30        | 30        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 60        |       |
| 4.2. Advertising<br>Indigenous<br>Determinants<br>of Health                         | 0         | 219       | 258       | 2         | 2         | 6         | 480       |       |
| 4.3. Strengthening<br>Indigenous<br>Self-Governance                                 | 0         | 40        | 40        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 40        |       |
| 4.4. Reviving First Nations<br>Culture and<br>Language                              | 0         | 140       | 140       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 280       |       |
| 4.5. Restoring<br>New Fiscal Relationship<br>with Indigenous<br>Peoples             | 0         | 31        | 62        | 2         | 2         | 0         | 96        |       |
| 4.6. Advancing<br>Reconciliation  | 0         | 86        | 88        | 83        | 76        | 74        | 409       |       |
| 4.7. Indigenous<br>Leadership<br>Development  | 0         | 75        | 70        | 83        | 76        | 76        | 388       |       |
| 4.8. Indigenous<br>Opportunity  | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 4         |       |
| 4.9. Indigenous<br>Labour<br>Market   | 0         | 25        | 20        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 50        |       |
| 4.10. Healthy Indigenous<br>Communities   | 0         | 1,387     | 957       | 656       | 517       | 321       | 3,800     |       |
| 4.11. Indigenous<br>Housing and<br>Infrastructure                                   | 0         | 176       | 171       | 211       | 263       | 97        | 918       |       |
| 4.12. Indigenous<br>Income<br>Assistance  | 0         | 173       | 208       | 208       | 169       | 169       | 927       |       |

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## Continuation of Initiatives Already Embarked Upon

The partnership will continue with the organizations involved in the implementation of projects aimed at building the capacities of First Nations in the area of housing.

- Training program for housing managers (attestation of collegial studies), Community of Practice in Housing (CoPH), and Point of Contact in Housing (PoCH).
- Pilot project for a housing technical resource group (HTRG).
- Regional housing tables.
- ABSCAN's initiatives.
- Lot development trust fund administered by ABSCAN.
- Manikaso Centre (the Center of Expertise in Financial Literacy and Housing).
- Commitment of the Unifor union in anticipation of a possible contribution in a significant project for the First Nations.
- Community Housing Transformation Center (CHTC) Internship Program.

## Annual Regional Meeting

The regional meeting on housing organized by the AFNQL will be held again in 2024-2025. Two stages are envisaged: virtual mode in September and in person in November.

## 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 2022 Federal Budget (pluriannual investments) and its alignment with regional priorities, the scope of the funds announced in April 2024, post-pandemic developments and their possible effects on housing issues specific to First Nations, housing reform, infrastructure modernization, the possible reallocation of national funds, increasing construction costs and housing insurance issues).

**This report was adopted by the coordination members of the RTHC on June 18, 2024.**

Documents produced by the RTHC are available on-line at the following address:

<https://apnql.com/en/regional-tripartite-housing-committee/>

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