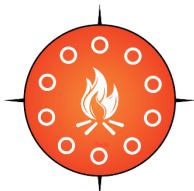


Regional Tripartite Housing Committee



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2024-2025

Annual Report

Background

This report is a summary of the Regional Tripartite Housing Committee's (RTHC) activities during the year 2024-2025 as well as the main orientations that will guide its actions in 2025-2026.

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. It 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.

The Action Plan will be renewed in 2025.

Resilience, Skills and Capacities

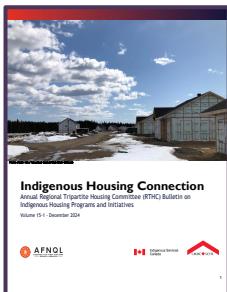
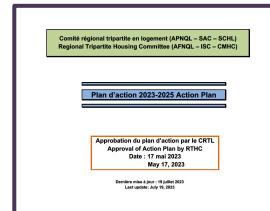
Housing activity has returned to normal in the years since the pandemic. It's more accurate to speak of a "new normal," given the skyrocketing construction costs and the labor and procurement challenges that First Nations are facing more than ever.

The Committee's Action Plan was therefore drafted, and will be renewed, with the aim of ensuring that its actions contribute to improving the resilience of First Nations communities in Quebec to minimize 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 2024-2025

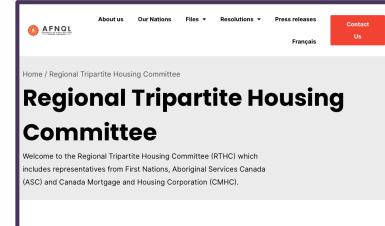
Regular Activities

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 and implementation of the ISC Housing Initiative 2024-2027.

Discussions surrounding the regionalization of First Nations child housing funds to meet the housing needs of children and families.

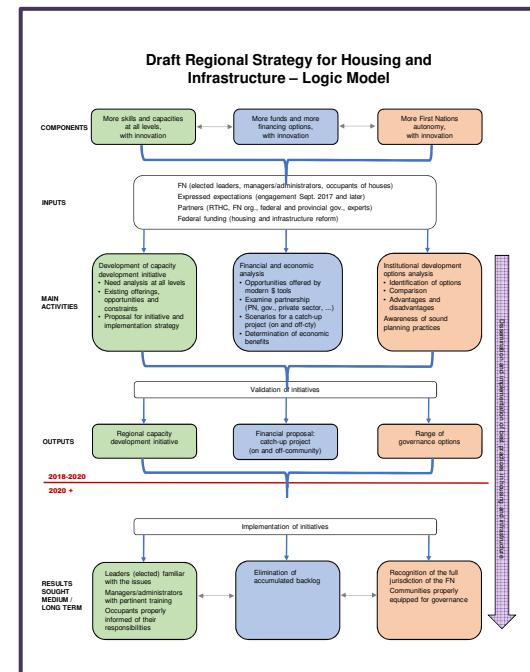


Collaboration in the holding of the regional meeting on housing, divided into two parts: virtually in December 2024, followed by a face-to-face meeting in February 2025.

Strategic Actions

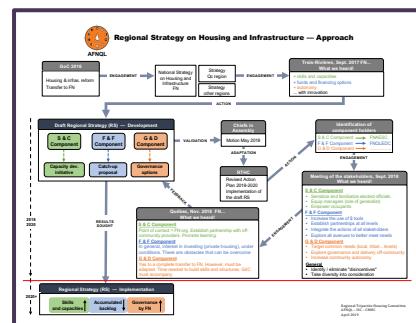
Collaborative strategy to further develop and implement the Regional Housing and Infrastructure Strategy.

- 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.



Support Activities

Continuation of regional engagement.



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

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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 housing technical resource group (HTRG)



Partnership to support regional housing tables.



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

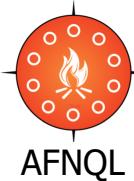


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Maintaining liaison with the Unifor union in anticipation of a possible contribution in a significant project for the First Nations in Quebec in the field of housing and infrastructure. In November 2021, as part of the Grand Economic Circle of Indigenous 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 2025-2026

The year 2025-2026 is the first of the period covered by the renewed RTHC 2025-2027 two-year Action Plan.

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 financial component with the continuation of the activities 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 taking into account the work of the AFNQL commissions and organizations on the issue of transfer of responsibilities.

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 sur et abordable est essentiel en vue à ramifier les réalisations de santé et d'auturer un avenir meilleur pour les communautés et les enfants autochtones. C'est la raison pour laquelle le gouvernement du Canada a investi 1,6 milliard de dollars dans le logement dans les communautés autochtones depuis 2015.

Faisant fond sur ces investissements, le budget de 2022 propose de verser 4 milliards de dollars supplémentaires sur sept ans, à compter de 2023, pour aider les Premières Nations, les Autochtones du Québec et les Autochtones et Africains du Nord Canada afin d'accélérer les travaux visant à combler les lacunes en matière de logement dans les communautés autochtones.

- Un financement de 24 milliards de dollars sur cinq ans pour soutenir le logement des Premières Nations dans les réserves;
- Un financement de 96 millions de dollars sur cinq ans pour soutenir le logement des Autochtones et Africains Premières Nations autochtones et titulaires de terrains de droits réservés;
- Un financement de 845 millions de dollars sur sept ans pour soutenir le logement dans les communautés inuites;
- Un financement de 190 millions de dollars sur sept ans pour soutenir le logement dans les communautés Métisses.

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, à compter de 2023, par l'intermédiaire de la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement, afin d'élaborer conjointement et de mettre sur pied une stratégie de logement autochtone en milieu urbain, rural et en réserves.

En plus de ces nombreux investissements, le gouvernement fédéral afferira 2 milliards et 20 millions de dollars de dollars supplémentaires pour la réforme à long terme du logement autochtone. Ces investissements aideront les Premières Nations afin de répondre aux besoins en matière de logement des enfants autochtones. Ces Nations font une entente de régime définitif définitive avec le gouvernement.

Ces mesures se traduisent par un financement combiné de 6,1 milliards de dollars sur sept ans pour l'amélioration et des logements 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 and 2024 federal budgets.

Implementation details are now known. Collaboration in the implementation of programs resulting from the housing funds is well underway.

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		A Future for Indigenous Peoples millions of dollars									
		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total
4.1. Investing in a Brighter Future for Indigenous Peoples											
4.1.1. Education	\$7	1,066	1,128	639	213	226	2,230				
Youth	0	6	6	0	0	0	13				
Education	0	411	578	205	0	0	1,194				
Secondary Education	0	79	81	82	0	0	243				
Dechinta Centre for Environmental Education	0	3	3	0	0	0	5				
The Best Start for Every Indigenous Child	57	479	372	294	155	168	3,525				
Supporting Indigenous Families	0	58	58	58	58	58	290				
Supporting Urban Indigenous Families	0	30	30	0	0	0	60				
4.2. Advancing Indigenous Leadership	\$10	219	258	2	0	0	0	440			
Section 35 Consultations	0	48	48	0	0	0	96				
Core Governance and Indigenous Leadership	0	140	148	0	0	0	288				
Advancing the Legacy of Residential Schools	0	31	62	2	2	0	96				
4.3. Advancing Economic Resilience	\$6	86	88	83	76	76	469				
Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program	0	8	8	0	0	0	17				
Economic Opportunity Initiatives	0	75	79	83	76	76	368				
Market Information Initiatives	0	2	2	0	0	0	4				
Indigenous Business Communities	0	1,357	957	656	517	321	3,008				
Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure	0	211	211	263	97	97	918				
Indigenous Income Assistance	0	173	208	208	169	169	567				

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).
- 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.

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 fall 2025 and in person in winter 2026.

Strategic Watch

The RTHC remains on the lookout for any development related to issues that might be of interest for the region. It will continue to assess the need to make representations and recommendations accordingly. One example of great concern for the region is the revision of the national allocation formula for Section 95 funds that CMHC is considering, which would result in a very significant reduction in Quebec's relative share. Other issues to follow include the follow-up to the Auditor General's report, the housing reform, the 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 12, 2025.

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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