## Making Houses Home: Housing As An Asset

## **Definitions:**

ASSET: Valuable or Useful Person, thing or property

LIABILITY: Hinderance, Disadvantage, Obligation



















# **More First Nation** Examples of Housing as an Asset

#### Seabird Island First Nation



#### Ahousaht First Nation



#### **Touske First Nation**



#### **Old Massett First Nation**



#### Kanawake First Nation



#### Eagle Lake First Nation



#### Wikwemikong First Nation



#### Saugeen First Nation





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How do we Achieve Housing as an Asset?

## Housing as an Asset: Key Elements

- Separation of politics from the day to day management of the housing portfolio
- Long term vision and strategic planning
- Professional management and administration
- An accurate assessment of FN conditions and FN needs
- Clearly defined and enforced housing policy

### **Key Elements Continued**

• Creative financial solutions

- Technically appropriate and affordable design
- Skilled and productive workforce
- Community participation and motivated occupancy
- Linkages to Economic Development and longterm Community Planning and investment

### **Financial Considerations**

Do you have sustainable revenue streams to cover the costs of:

- New Construction
- Renovating and Repairing
- Operating and Maintenance
- Replacement Reserve
- Infrastructure
- Other Related Expenses

## Have you Undertaken a Detailed Analysis of all Existing and Potential Revenue Streams?

- Rental Revenues
- Mortgage Payments
- Federal and Provincial Programs
- Private Lenders
- Sweat Equity
- Habitat for Humanity
- Partnerships (Industry, Tribal Counsels, Other First Nations)

# Have you completed a detailed review of all housing related expenditures?

Are expenditures in line with industry standards?
Can you reduce your housing expenditures?

"Change our minds. Change our lives."



## "Political Will"

