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# Indigenous Services Canada

## Project Updates

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Valhalla Inn  
Thunder Bay, Ontario



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# Agenda

1. Ministerial Loan Guarantees – Where Are We At?
2. Budget 2016 – Investments to Date
3. First Nations Housing Reform
4. Fire Prevention and Protection
5. Success Stories
6. Questions & Answers





# What is a Ministerial Loan Guarantee?

- Ministerial Loan Guarantees (MLG) are one of the tools available to First Nations to access funding for housing on reserve.
- In most instances, financial institutions do not provide a housing loan on reserve unless there is a guarantee of payment in the case of default.
- Through an MLG, loan financing can be guaranteed by the Minister for the construction, acquisition or renovation of houses on reserve.





## First Nations use of MLGs

- Many First Nations in Ontario have successfully used MLGs to secure loans to build or renovate homes in their communities.
- Currently:
  - 4,822 housing units are currently under the *Ministerial Loan Guarantee Program*
  - The current outstanding total value of all MLG-backed loans is \$ 287 million.
- The financial institution providing most MLG-backed loans for housing in Ontario is the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.



# Budget 2016 Housing Investments in Ontario Region

- The Government of Canada has made the provision of adequate housing in First Nation communities a priority.
- Budget 2016 provided approximately \$416 million in funding across the country over two years, beginning in 2016-2017, to invest in new construction, renovations, capacity building and innovation projects in First Nation communities across the country.





# Budget 2016 Housing Investments in Ontario Region

- Since 2016-2017, the Department has invested approximately \$102 million in housing projects in Ontario First Nations:
  - New construction
    - 61 projects
    - 380 housing units
    - \$76 million
  - Renovations and additions
    - 88 projects
    - 720 units
    - \$18 million
  - Capacity building and innovation
    - 138 projects
    - \$8 million





# Fire Prevention and Protection in First Nation Communities

- The Government of Canada provides funding for the construction and renovation of housing in First Nation communities. It also provides funding to help keep the residents of those homes safe through fire prevention and protection programs.
- *Level of Service Standards – Fire Protection Services*, released in March 2016: tiered system
  - Tier 1: Fire prevention and educational programming
  - Tier 2: Capacity development and training
  - Tier 3: Capital investments



# Fire Prevention and Protection in First Nation Communities

- Funding for fire prevention and protection is provided directly to First Nations through the following streams:
  - Formula-based operation and maintenance funding;
  - Formula-based training funding;
  - Proposal-based capital infrastructure (fire halls and fire trucks);
  - Municipal-Type Service Agreements (MTSAs);
  - Regional projects through First Nation organizations.





# BeFireSafe

## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- The Department is working with Chiefs and Councils to bring their on-reserve practises and standards in line with Ontario's Fire Code.
- Under Ontario's Fire Code (off reserve):
  - Every home must have a working smoke alarm on every floor and outside all sleeping areas
  - Homeowners are responsible for installing and maintaining alarms in their residence, and landlords must ensure that their rental properties comply with the law.





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## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Under Ontario's Fire Code (off reserve):

- Tenants must contact their landlord immediately if their residences do not have the required number of smoke alarms.
- It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm.
- Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in a ticket for \$360, or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations.



# BeFireSafe

## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- In Ontario, Indigenous Services Canada has worked with a number of First Nation organizations to purchase and deliver combined smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to protect residents in on-reserve homes:
  - To-date, 31,594 alarms have been provided to communities.
  - We are seeking confirmation that these alarms have been installed,
  - For additional alarms or support to install, please contact the Department.



# Fire Safety Initiatives

- In 2016-2017, the Department provided \$278,984 to the Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society (ONFFS) to support development of a regional fire protection strategy, which was endorsed by the Chiefs of Ontario in 2017.
- The strategy includes a number of objectives, including the establishment of the Office of an Indigenous Fire Marshall for Ontario. In a January 2018 meeting, the Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society expressed support for the creation of an Indigenous Fire Marshall for Ontario. This is parallel to discussions that are taking place at a national level.



# Fire Safety Initiatives

- In December 2017, regional officials met with the Ontario Chief Coroner regarding the establishment of an Ontario Chief Coroner's Tripartite (First Nations/Canada/Ontario) Table on Understanding Fire Deaths On Reserve.
- On February 1, 2018, the Chief Coroner presented his idea of establishing a table, as well as the next steps in the process, to the NAN Chiefs' Winter Assembly here in Thunder Bay.



# First Nation Success Stories

- The Department's funding for housing and fire prevention and protection has led to real accomplishments in First Nation communities.
- I would like to briefly go over a few examples in Ontario Region that illustrate what can be achieved by the partnership of First Nations, Tribal Councils, Indigenous Services Canada, and our other Indigenous, federal and provincial partners.



# WIKWEMIKONG UNCEDED INDIAN RESERVE

## Six-plex – completed July 12, 2017





## Mishkeegogamang First Nation Three Duplexes – Completed Nov. 22, 2017





## Munsee-Delaware Nation Six-plex – Completed June 2, 2017





## Lac Seul First Nation

Three Tri-plexes – Completed November 10, 2017





## Pikangikum First Nation

Ten duplexes – Completed March 15, 2017





# Firefighter Training – 2016-2017

## Graduation – April 6, 2017



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# Questions? Comments?

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