



HOUSING COMMITTEES

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A HOUSING COMMITTEE IS...

A housing committee is often an organized group of *volunteers* who give their time to support and champion housing, provide advice and recommendations on policies, programs and services.

Housing committee members work with the best interest of the community in mind. They are usually committed to making housing work, want to help and expect little in return for their time and contribution.

BENEFITS THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FIRST NATION

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Gives something back to the community.
- Learns new skills, looks good on a resume.
- Enhances understanding of housing.
- Demonstrates an ability to handle a commitment.
- Gains a sense of satisfaction and achievement
- Have fun..... yeah really!

THE FIRST NATION

- Ensures a community perspective
- Work is done by volunteers therefore saves First Nation resources
- Encourages community responsibility



MODELS TO CONSIDER

The model a First Nations chooses depends on governance, traditions, customs, and available resources.


- **Resource Committee** – Membership is made up of administrative directors or managers and can include technical advisors.
- **Traditional** - Membership is made up of individual families or clan members.
- **Community Demographics** – Membership is made up of key categories such as Elders/ Seniors, Youth, On Reserve/Off Reserve, Tenants

WHEN DEVELOPING OR RESTRUCTURING A HOUSING COMMITTEE CONSIDER:

- What is the purpose of having a housing committee?
- Have we ever had a housing committee; if so what were our experiences?
- What model will work best for our community?
- What skills, knowledge, traits and/or abilities do you need on the committee?
- What responsibilities will be assigned to the committee?
- What compensation will committee members receive (can we afford it)?



ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY A HOUSING COMMITTEE

- Assisting with an open house for new or recycled properties.
 - Reporting to Chief and Council and the membership on housing activities.
 - Researching and designing future housing projects, programs and services.
 - Helping with policy revisions and enhancements.
 - Assisting with unit condition assessments, tenants relations activities.
 - Planning and participating in community meetings and/or workshops.
 - Creating and/or contributing to newsletters, etc.
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RECRUITING HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Appointed by Chief and Council
- Individuals apply to be on the committee
- Members elected at an annual meeting



TOOLS AND RESOURCES

In order to succeed, a Housing Committee needs the following tools and resources:

- An approved housing policy on which to base recommendations and decisions,
- An approved Terms of Reference & Oath of Confidentiality,
- An orientation for new members on housing policy, programs and services,
- Housing goals and a work plan to support achievement of goals,
- Evaluation and ongoing capacity development.



QUESTIONS



THANK YOU

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