Network News

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"For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."

— Millard Fuller



Exploits River, NL
Photo courtesy of Herman High

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

There is no shortage of important work happening across the province. Behind every initiative, conversation, partnership and success story, people are working together.

Let's keep moving the conversation - and the work - forward. NLHHN will continue to connect people and organizations, share knowledge and ideas, and turn collaborative actions into positive outcomes and meaningful change.

Sherri Chippett
Executive Director

Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

Shelter Standards Virtual Training Days: Complex Mental Health Supports

Registration is officially open for our next session in the Shelter Standards Virtual Training Days Series - Complex Mental Health Supports.



📚What: Complex Mental Health Supports
⏰When: October 22nd 9:00am-4:00pm
📍Where: Virtual - Teams Webinars
💲Cost: FREE

If you're looking to learn more about what exists within our community and health network to better support your clients living with complex mental health conditions that need ongoing supports, this is for you!

To learn more, visit our website to see a full description of each session and to register.

Register Here:

Know someone in the sector that you think would benefit from these conversations? 🤔 Feel free to share this upcoming session with your network of community partners!

Save the Dates: More Shelter Standards Virtual Training Days!

In addition to our Professional Development Day, we have 3 more incredible topics to cover, based on frontline feedback!

Take a look at the upcoming schedule, mark your calendars and spread the word!



What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK
Building Community Capacity

Enabling Community Housing in Rural Municipalities

Our team, through the Sustainable Housing Initiative, is currently embarking on a project titled "Enabling Community Housing in Rural Municipalities." We are seeking municipalities to partner with us to understand better the conditions that support successful community housing development and to address the barriers that impede it. In early 2026, we completed “Enabling Housing Choice North,” where we worked directly with four northern Alberta municipalities to develop recommendations to reduce barriers to the development of diverse housing types. Our team will apply for complete funding through the Community Housing Transformation Centre to support all costs associated with this project.

Why Participate:
Rural and remote communities face unique housing challenges that impact their ability to attract residents and support local employers. This project aims to provide your municipality with a clear path forward by:

- **Local insights: We’ll review your current planning and land-use policies to find practical ways to remove development barriers for community housing**

- **Custom advice: You'll receive a tailored report with actionable steps based specifically on your municipality's community housing needs and goals.**
- **National impact: Your participation will help us create a resource guide for other municipalities across the country to learn from.**

What's Involved?
We want to keep this process simple and collaborative:

- **Phase 1: Getting started**

We'll work with your community to identify your main community housing opportunities and challenges.

- **Phase 2: Connecting**

We'll chat with local stakeholders to hear what really matters in your community.

- **Phase 3: Customized recommendations**

We'll turn everything we learned into a clear, custom report with practical recommendations just for your municipality.

- **Phase 4: National dissemination**

We will utilise our national network to share the customized recommendations to help inform land-use decision-making for community housing in municipalities across Canada

Our team will complete this project over the course of a year, resulting in recommendations for your municipality in late 2027. The goal of these recommendations is to allow for the housing needs of community members to be met by reducing roadblocks to community housing development. Funding opportunities are currently being sought to ensure that the project is completed without any costs to the municipality.

If your municipality is interested in discussing this project further, please contact **kabirs@ruraldevelopment.ca**

Community Housing Transformation Centre
Centre de transformation du logement communautaire

Community Housing Transformation Centre: Upcoming Webinars

Join the CHTC in their upcoming webinars this month:

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026,
1:00 p.m. – 2 :00 p.m. ET
Private investors are ready to invest in community housing. Are you ready?

As community housing organizations take on ambitious development, acquisition, and retrofit projects, many are being asked to navigate a more complex financing landscape.

While public investment remains essential to achieving deep affordability, today's projects often require multiple funding sources, including mission-aligned private investment capital.

This practical discussion with Lena Courcol, Director of acquisitions, and Garth Davis, Managing partner at New Market Funds, one of Canada's leading impact investment organizations, will delve into what community housing providers can do to prepare for new opportunities.

REGISTER HERE

FREE Affordable Housing Feasibility Support

Apply by October 16th

Affordable360's **free, CHTC-funded 12-week Educational Cohort** supports nonprofit organizations and government agencies in Atlantic Canada exploring affordable housing development.

Participants receive hands-on project support, including:

- Planning & due diligence reviews
- 3D massing and design concepts
- Initial Class D cost estimation
- Education, mentorship, and software training

Program commitment: Approximately 10–12 hours total across the 12-week cohort, including 1:1 meetings, cohort webinars, mentorship, and training sessions. The program includes a 3-week break in programming over the Christmas period.

Next cohort: Starts at the end of October (week of October 19th).

Free for nonprofits. Limited participation.

📅 **Application deadline: October 16**

👉 Complete the intake form: **affordable360.ca/cohort**

Questions? Contact **support@affordable360.ca**

How can you help in addressing the challenges of housing & homelessness?

No matter how much you can afford to give, as a one-off donation, through regular giving, or by fundraising for charity, your donation matters. Every donation received adds up and helps charities get to work and make a positive difference.

Donate

Network Newsletter Submissions

Our Network News reaches over 1600 readers across the province, should you have something you would like shared, please reach out to us directly!

What can you submit?

- Send us any information related to upcoming trainings, staff or volunteer highlights and shoutouts, programs, events, job postings, etc. that could be of interest to community organizations and their staff.

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit either images and/or text exactly as you would like it to be included
- Word count of 200 words or less
- Two images per entry such as logo or poster. Either PNG or JPG
- Between 480 - 650 pixel image width and file size less than 5MB
- We can not attach videos, PDF's, Word/Excel files

Submit entries via email to
outreachcoordinator@nlhhn.org

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