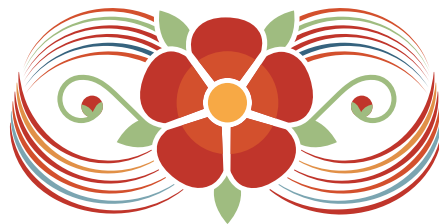




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**Métis Women
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**Metis Housing in Canada
A Literature Review**

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Introduction

The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) is a national Indigenous organization representing the political voice of Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Incorporated in 1974, NWAC works to advance the social, political, and cultural well-being and equality of Indigenous women through advocacy, education, research, and policy. NWAC recognizes Indigenous women in the broadest and most inclusive sense and is inclusive of status and non-status First Nations, Métis, Inuit, self-identified Indigenous, on and off reserve, Two-Spirit people, and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community who consider themselves to be included under NWAC’s mandate.

This literature review on Métis housing will complement NWAC’s recent work on Indigenous housing issues such as the “Fact Sheet—Making the Connection to VAW,” “Fact Sheet—Approaching Homelessness,” and the March 31, 2020 report *Indigenous Housing: Policy and Engagement Report to Indigenous Services Canada*.

Background

Métis people reside in the 10 provinces and three territories of Canada. According to the most recent national statistics (2016) by Statistics Canada, most live in Ontario with the least number in Nunavut. The statistics also reveal that 587,545 people claimed Métis identity, which represents 1.7% of the total Canadian population (Statistics Canada, 2016).

Statistics Canada also confirms that since 2006, the Indigenous population has grown by 42.5%—more than four times the growth rate of the non-Indigenous population over the same period. It is expected that the Indigenous population is likely to exceed 2.5 million over the next 10 years.

Methodology

Literature searches encompassed provincial and territorial organizations, the five Métis National Council affiliates, government websites, articles, and mainstream search engines (e.g., Google, Bing, Yahoo) as well as NWAC’s previous housing and homelessness research.

The following keywords were used in various combinations during the searches:

Aboriginal	Affordable	Woman/Women
First Nations	Poverty	Female
Indigenous	Off-reserve	Gender-diverse
Inuit	City	2SLGBTQQIA
	Urban	Culturally appropriate
Native	Inner city	Policy
Housing	Youth	Program

Literature Review

This document attempts to provide a literature review specific to Métis housing in Canada pulled from relevant housing literature from the 10 provinces and three territories of Canada. It also uses a gender lens to identify Métis housing specific to older female Métis citizens.

ALBERTA

Métis Nation of Alberta



MNA signed a Métis Nation Housing Accord along with the four other affiliates of the Métis National Council in 2018 to provide housing initiatives over the next 10 years. The funding is administered through the Métis Urban Housing Corporation and Métis Capital Housing Corporation.

Métis Urban Housing Corporation

- **Address:** 108-5102 51 St, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0P4
- **Phone:** 780-826-6999



Métis Urban Housing Corporation

Address 11923 121A Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5L 0A2
Telephone: 780-452-6440
Toll Free: 1-877-458-8684
Fax: 780-452-1076
Website: <https://www.metishousing.ca>

The new housing program consists of:

- Student rental supplement assistance program
<https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/new-housing-programs/student-rental-supplement-assistance-program/>
- Home repair program
<https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/new-housing-programs/home-repair-program/>
- Rental supplement program
<https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/new-housing-programs/rental-supplement-program/>
- Down payment assistance program
<https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/new-housing-programs/down-payment-assistance-program/>

The Family reunification program:

<https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/family-reunification-program/>

Lloydminster Region Housing Group

3752 - 51 Avenue #107A
Lloydminster, AB T9V 3M7
(780) 875-9131
(780) 875-1072 (fax)

Applications are open to all citizens, however, there is nothing that is targeted specifically for Indigenous or Métis people.

Offering up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance toward buying a home; essential home repair assistance for those who already own a home; and rent supplements for renters, families, seniors, and students.



The Lloydminster Métis Housing Group is a fun, tenant-oriented, Métis housing business that is proud and committed to providing affordable and well-maintained homes for Métis people.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) has a Métis Housing Accord that provides \$5.6 million in annual funding, increasing to \$6.4 million in 2020-21. This funding can be applied to:

- assistance with improving energy efficiencies to help lower the cost of home heating;
- home renovations to enable seniors and elders to remain in their own homes longer;
- assistance with the down payment for the purchase of homes on a repayable basis; and
- short-term funding assistance for single-parent families leaving a violent domestic situation.



www.bchousing.org

BC Housing - Indigenous Housing Funds Program

1-800-257-7756 (toll-free) or 604-433-2218
Suite 101-4555 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8
Phone: 604-433-2218
Toll-free: 1-800-257-7756
Fax: 604-439-4729 or HAFI only fax: 604-439-8550

Aboriginal Housing Management Association

615-100 Park Royal
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2
Phone: 604-921-2462
Fax: 604-921-2463
Toll Free: 1-888-921-2462

The Indigenous Housing Funds program offers long-term subsidized housing for permanent residents of B.C. who meet the income criteria:

- <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/Building-BC/IHF>

Additional information on off-reserve Indigenous housing is available through this Aboriginal housing resource tool:

<http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/housing/AboriginalHousing/tool.htm>

Housing programs offered by the Aboriginal Housing Management Association are not specific to Métis people. They include:

- shelter and housing for homeless
- homeownership.
- independent living
- private market rental
- rental assistance
- transitional supportive and assisted living

<http://www.ahma-bc.org/aboriginal-housing-providers-list#emergency-shelter-housing-for->

MANITOBA

Manitoba Metis Federation



Manitoba Metis Federation
Believe in Yourself - Believe in Metis

<http://www.manitobametis.com/>

300-150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0J7
Telephone: 204-586-8474
Fax: 204-947-1816
E-Mail: info@mmf.mb.ca

Housing initiatives by the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) – provide eligible Métis individuals and families with:

- a forgivable loan of up to \$15,000 to assist with the purchase of a home
- funds for emergency renovations and repairs
- funds to upgrade unit, install accessibility, etc.

MMF has recently announced the construction of new units for Winnipeg and then expanding to Brandon and Selkirk.



www.gov.mb.ca

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Urban Native Non-Profit Housing

Telephone Program Contact: 204-945-4661
E-mail portfolioadmin@gov.mb.ca
600 - 352 Donald Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 2H8

Program details:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/progs/urbannativehousing.html>

Louis Riel Capital Corporation

340-150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0J7
Phone: 204-589-0772
Toll Free within Manitoba: 1-800-387-6004
Fax: 204-589-0791
E-mail: info@lrcc.mb.ca

First time home purchase program:

<https://www.lrcc.mb.ca/first-time-home-purchase-program>

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



<https://www.nlhc.nl.ca/>
Rental Housing Program

Avalon Regional Office:
(709) 724-3197
Corner Brook: (709) 639-5201
Gander: (709) 256-1300
Goose Bay: (709) 896-1920
Grand Falls-Windsor: (709) 292-1000
Marystown: (709) 279-5375
Stephenville: (709) 643-6826

Applications are open to all citizens, however, there is no information on funding specifically targeted to Indigenous or Métis people in Newfoundland and Labrador.

First Time Home Buyers Program

Inquiries can be made directly to:
Grayson Kelly — (709) 724-3059 (gjkelly@nlhc.nl.ca)
Sherry Mercer — (709) 724-3130 (srmercerc@nlhc.nl.ca)

Home Modification Program

Inquiries can be made to your regional office:
Avalon Regional Office: (709) 724-3196
Corner Brook: (709) 639-5201
Gander: (709) 256-1300
Goose Bay: (709) 896-1920
Grand Falls-Windsor: (709) 292-1000
Marystown: (709) 279-5375
Stephenville: (709) 643-6826

NEW BRUNSWICK



Acadian Peninsula (Region 8) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 441-4149
Chaleur (Region 6) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 441-4341
Edmundston (Region 4) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 441-4249
Fredericton (Region 3) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 444-8838
Miramichi (Region 7) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 441-4246
Moncton (Region 1) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 426-5191
Restigouche (Region 5) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 441-4245
Saint John (Region 2) (Regional Sub-Office)
(866) 441-4340

The program is open to all citizens, however, there is no information for housing programs specifically targeted to Indigenous and Métis communities. There is a non-profit housing program:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8635.html

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



NWT Housing Corporation
<https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/en>

District Offices

NWTHC District Office Contact Information
Beaufort Delta District Office
Phone: (867) 777-7270

Nahendeh District Office
Phone: (867) 695-7700

North Slave District Office
Phone: (867) 767-9332 ext.85481

Sahtu District Office
Phone: (867) 587-5100

South Slave District Office
Phone: (867) 874-7600

Yellowknife Housing Authority
Phone: (867) 873-5694

Programs available for Indigenous people including Métis citizens:

- Shelter enhancement
<https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/fr/services/shelter-enhancement>
- Shelter funding
<https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/fr/services/shelter-funding>
- Supportive housing
<https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/fr/node/41>

The Whati housing plan is open to all citizens of Yellowknife:

<https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/en/what%C3%AC-housing-plan-0>

NOVA SCOTIA



Nova Scotia

Public Housing and Other Affordable

Rental Programs

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/about-us>

Cape Breton Housing Authority
Eastern Mainland Housing Authority
Cobequid Housing Authority
Western Regional Housing Authority
Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority

Applications are open to all citizens, however, there is nothing specifically targeted to Indigenous or Métis people.

Native Council of Nova Scotia



<http://ncns.ca/rural-and-native-housing-group/>

Goal: To bring existing housing stock in Nova Scotia up to realistic levels of health, safety, and durability for off-reserve rural low-income Indigenous homeowners.

Serving:

- off-reserve low-income Indigenous homeowners living in their own home, having a registered property deed;
- low-income Indigenous homeowners with a yearly total household income at or below program qualification limits;
- low-income Indigenous homeowners where at least one aspect of the home requires either structural, electrical, heating, plumbing, and/or health and safety repairs, or modifications to make the home more accessible for disabled occupants

NUNAVUT



www.nunavuthousing.ca

Directorate, Headquarters & District Offices

Directorate

P.O. Box 1000, Station 1400,
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
867 975-7200
867 979-4194

Headquarters

P.O. Box 480,
Arviat, NU X0C 0E0
867-857-3000
867 857-3040

Public housing for citizens of Nunavut:

<http://www.nunavuthousing.ca/publichousing>
<http://www.nunavuthousing.ca/publichousing>

Note: Nothing is specifically targeted to the Métis community.

ONTARIO

Métis Nation of Ontario



MÉTIS NATION

www.metisnation.org/news-categories/housing

500 Old St. Patric St, Unit3

Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4

Tel.: 613-798-1488 Toll Free: 800-263-4889

Fax: 613-722-4225

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS)

<https://www.ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca>

INCORPORATED (Brantford Native Housing)

The Métis Nation of Ontario's Housing Strategy for First Nation, Inuit and Metis Urban and Rural Housing Program is administered through Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services as follows:

- Assisted Home Ownership provides eligible Indigenous individuals and families with a forgivable loan of up to \$30,000 to assist with the purchase of a home
- FIMUR Home Repair provides eligible Indigenous individuals and families with a forgivable loan of up to \$25,000 to assist in repairing or modifying their home

Brantford Native Housing
318 Colborne Street East,
Brantford, Ontario
N3S 3M9

<http://www.brantfordnativehousing.com/>

Housing Inquiries

Mary Jamieson

Phone : 519-756-2205 ext. 223 or 519-756-2209 ext. 223

Email: mjamieson@brantfordnativehousing.com

Brantford Native Housing was founded in 1986 as non-profit charitable organization working to provide housing for people of Indigenous ancestry who are of low income.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



The Native Council of PEI Aboriginal Housing

The Native Council of PEI

Applications are open to all Indigenous people but does not specify Métis-specific:

<http://www.ncpei.com/programs/nanegkam-housing>

A non-profit organization that assists off-reserve Indigenous people to acquire affordable, adequate accommodation off reserve.

6FJ McAulay Court, Charlottetown
C1A 9M7
Tel: (902) 892-5314
Fax: (902) 368-7464

Nanegkam Housing Corporation
Atlantic Peoples Housing
47 Kensington Road, Charlottetown
C1A 5H6
Tel: (902) 566-4728
Fax: (902) 628-2284
Naegkam Housing – ncpei.co

C/O Marla Affleck

QUEBEC



www.waskahegan.com
Corporation Waskahegan
12, avenue de l'Église, bureau 204
Dolbeau-Mistassini (Québec) G8L 4W4

Programs are open to the general public.

Corporation Waskahegan offers quality housing to Indigenous people living off reserve.

Corporation Waskahegen

Habitat Métis du Nord

Telephone :
(418) 276-7551
(418) 276-8104

Fax :
(418) 276-8302
(418) 276-8302

Email :
corpo@waskahegen.com
habitat@waskahegen.com

Patricia Lebeuf
Phone : (418) 276-7551
Email address: plebeuf@waskahegen.com

Housing subsidy programs for Indigenous people.

https://www.waskahegen.com/en/house_renovation_Waskahegen.html

SASKATCHEWAN

MN-S Housing Strategy - <http://pmhc.ca/mn-s-housing-strategy/#:~:text=The%20MN%2D%20Housing%20Strategy,accessibility%20for%20Senior's%20and%20the>

#15 901 1st Ave. North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 1Y4
mnshousingstrategy@pmhc.ca
306-343-8241 or 306-343-1700
Housing Programs – metisnation.sk.ca

From first time home buyers program to emergency renovations and repairs.

Provincial Métis Housing Corporation-

<http://pmhc.ca/pmhc/>



PMHC

#15 – 901 1st Ave. North
Saskatoon SK S7K 1Y4
metishousing@pmhc.ca
306-343-8240 or 306-343-1700
Provincial Metis Housing Corporation – pmhc.ca



Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

Regina - 1-800-667-7567
Saskatoon - 1-866-245-5758
Mailing Address:
11th Floor, 1920 Broad Street
Regina, SK S4P 3V6
225 First Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 1X2

The MN-S Housing Strategy program is Métis-specific and will provide eligible Métis citizens of Saskatchewan with a one-time forgivable loan of up to \$15,000 through the MN-S Emergency Home Renovations and Repair Program (MN-S EHRRP) to provide for emergency home repairs, adaptations, accessible measures for seniors and people with disabilities, and renovations to improve and maintain existing housing stock.

To be eligible for MN-S EHRRP, applicants must be citizens of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and must provide a valid Métis Saskatchewan membership card and photo identification from the Government of Saskatchewan and/or the Government of Canada and a Saskatchewan Health Card. The Métis homeowner must provide title to the land and home and amount owing on taxes.

- Reaching Home Program
- Emergency Home Renovations & Repair

Applications open to all Saskatchewan citizens:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/housing-development-construction-and-property-management/developing-affordable-housing>

<https://www.saskatoonhousingauthority.com/>

Saskatoon Housing Authority

Prince Albert Housing Authority
<https://pahousingauthority.com/>

Regina Housing Authority
Email: reginahousing@sasktel.net

The Battlefords Housing Authority
EMAIL: battlefords@housingauthoritiesk.com

Lloydminster Housing Authority
<http://www.lloydminster.ca>

Yukon



Yukon Housing Corporation
410 Jarvis Street
P.O. Box 2703 (Y-1), Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6
Phone: 867 667 5759
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0408 Ext 5759
Fax: 867 393 7597
Email: ykhouse@gov.yk.ca

Applications are open to all Yukon residents:
<https://yukon.ca/en/housing-and-property>

Federal Services – Government of Canada



CMHC
call 1-800-668-2642 or email contactcentre@cmhc.ca.
Federal Programs and Services for Registered Indians

A 10-year, \$55+-billion plan to create a new generation of housing in Canada.
<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1461948681675/1461948701197>

Summary and Recommendation Forward

The author reviewed the housing programs of all provinces and territories in Canada and identified the lack of housing/homelessness programs specific to Métis women. There were several programs and housing initiatives through the Métis National Council and its affiliates in the five provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan. Of note is that the Métis Nation signed a historic \$500-million funding agreement for Métis housing on July 19, 2018, to spread over 10 years. Each of the five Métis governments in the provinces oversees the design, delivery, and administration of housing services for Métis people; however, none of them are gender specific.

While the 2004 report *Metis Elders: Circle Housing Research Project—Study to Determine Respectful Sustainable Housing Options for Metis Elders in Saskatoon* looked at the housing needs of Métis elders, a review indicates the report did not use a gender lens.

A review of NWAC’s March 2020 report *Indigenous Housing: Policy and Engagement Report to Indigenous Services Canada* indicates the report should include a fulsome account of Métis women’s perspectives and lived experiences as input into the implementation of Canada’s National Housing Strategy. NWAC’s two recommendations could be modified as follows:

- #1: Implement the National Housing Strategy to increase funding for affordable housing and repairs for Indigenous women and gender-diverse people by making sure (Métis) women are consulted; and
- #19: End the one-size-fits-all approach to Indigenous housing. This could be utilized to build on further consultations with Métis women to identify a housing model and further that the consultations focus on housing security for older Métis females, age 55 and over, taking into account their perspectives and lived experiences to create the vision.

This would include the conduct of a national survey looking at the cultural, physical, and social needs to develop safe, affordable housing for this sector, regional engagement sessions. and an in-person gathering to finalize the vision when time allows. Moving forward on this initiative will enhance NWAC’s mandate to represent the political voice and home security of Métis women.

“Metis view housing more than a home, it is a place you share with family and friends, grandchildren...and you share your culture and traditional teachings.”

Metis Elders: Circle Housing Research Project- Study to Determine Respectful Sustainable Housing Options for Metis Elders in Saskatoon

Housing insecurity is one of the most pressing issues impacting Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people. Colonization, patriarchy, and the effects of intergenerational trauma shape Indigenous women’s experiences of homelessness and housing insecurity. Any approach to address these impacts must recognize the complex social, historical, economic, and legislative issues that contribute to these experiences.

Indigenous Housing: Policy and Engagement Report to Indigenous Services Canada (NWAC, March 2020)

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Indigenous Housing: Policy and Engagement Report to Indigenous Services Canada (NWAC, March 2020)

Alberta

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Down payment Help; cbc.ca

Calgary aboriginal services guide; Calgary.ca

Affordable housing programs; alberta.ca

Assessing Urban Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness in Canada – <http://www.uakn.org>

British Columbia

Indigenous Housing Fund Program; bchousing.org

Métis Capital Housing Corporation; cbj.ca

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