

## **BACKGROUNDER – NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING INITIATIVES**

### **LA LOCHE ACTION PLAN OPENING (LA LOCHE)**

- The federal and provincial governments jointly provided \$1.4 million under the Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement (IAH), in the form of a forgivable loan, toward the construction of 14 new affordable rental units.
- The project consists of six 2-bedroom, four 3-bedroom, and four 1-bedroom units to provide affordable housing to families and singles in La Loche.
- All funding provided under the IAH is cost-shared by the federal and provincial governments across a broad spectrum of programs.

### **SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECT FOR ELDERS (LA LOCHE)**

- The federal and provincial governments are contributing \$912,000 to this project under the IAH.
- This project will provide three 2-bedroom semi-detached units (totalling six units) of affordable housing to elders in the Northern Village of La Loche. All units will be barrier-free.
- The project will create social housing for low-income elders in La Loche. As social housing units, rents will be set at an affordable level based on the tenants' income.

### **NORTHERN STUDENT BUILD HOUSE (LA LOCHE AND ÎLE-À-LA-CROSSE)**

- The partnership between the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Northern Lights School Division and Île-à-la-Crosse School Division has been instrumental in initiating student build projects in northern Saskatchewan since 2007. This partnership enables groups of high school students in different communities to participate in building homes as a curriculum credit.
- In 2016-17, the federal and provincial governments continued to support this initiative by providing approximately \$450,000 in funding for two units in La Loche and Île-à-la-Crosse, through the IAH.
- There are plans to construct one student-built house during the 2017-18 school year in La Loche, also with funding from the IAH.

### **SDC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION – OPENING OF FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT ( ÎLE-À-LA-CROSSE)**

- The federal and provincial governments have contributed \$675,000 from the IAH toward this project.
- The project consists of five 3-bedroom single-family homes, each approximately 1,100 square feet (102 square meters).
- All funding provided under the IAH is cost-shared by the federal and provincial governments across a broad spectrum of programs, including the Rental Development Program, Repair Programs and Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement.

### **LA RONGE NATIVE WOMEN'S COUNCIL – FUNDING OF TWO PROJECTS (LA RONGE)**

- The federal and provincial governments are IAH, contributing up to \$1.8 million under the IAH to these two projects.
- The first project, at Piwapan Women's Centre, will improve safety and wheelchair accessibility at the shelter for women and children fleeing violence in the north.
- The second project will provide four units of much-needed rental housing to women and children fleeing violence in the north.

### **PINEHOUSE HOUSING CORPORATION ELDERS' COMPLEX (PINEHOUSE LAKE)**

- Under the IAH, the federal and provincial governments IAH are contributing over \$1.5 million to this project.
- This project will provide 12 units of affordable housing to elders living in the Northern Village of Pinehouse Lake.
- This project will consist of six 1-bedroom units at 526 square feet (49 square meters) and six 2-bedroom units at 807 square feet (75 square meters), with common spaces including a kitchen, dining room, sitting area, washrooms, laundry, and a small elder consultation space.
- The project, formally named "Judille's Place," is owned by Pinehouse Housing Corporation (PHC).