



ABORIGINAL HOUSING SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE

Yunkawhut'en ba koo "houses for native people"

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President's Message

Ruby Baptiste

The Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George (AHSPG) would like to acknowledge and thank Lheidli T'enneh for allowing us to operate and deliver services on their traditional territory. We wish to thank all of our partners as we operated this past year. Thank you to my fellow board members, our staff and our new-ish Executive Director and to all of our tenants.

Yunkawhut'en ba koo (Translation: housing for native people). AHSPG (our Society) is a non-profit affordable housing provider that has focused, for several decades (32 yrs) on providing safe, healthy, and affordable housing for Aboriginal people of all incomes, ages, and capabilities in Prince George. We currently manage over 200 single family and multi-unit residential properties in Prince George and the surrounding region. We are now able to build a new three storey multi-family housing development, which will provide up to 27 units to elders/seniors in Prince George. We have spent more than three years navigating the steps to make this happen, and now we are finally here.

In the past year we the BOD have met 12 times as a whole group and numerous times within our sub-committees. Some milestones we met were:

- 9/1/2016 Planning and organizing for new Executive Director
- 10/8/2016 Notice to rezone
- 10/15/2016 multiple community consultations for UNBC concept design
- 10/19/2016 New Executive Director begins work
- 10/27/2016 UNBC presentation of design concept for 1919 - 17th ave
- 11/5/2016 Strategic session with Urban Matters
- 11/28/2016 BC Housing announcement for funding approval 3.5 million for 1811 Spruce St
- 12/8/2016 UNBC public presentation of design concept for 1919 - 17th ave
- 1/1/2017 changes to Executive Director job description
- 1/17/2017 Strategic session with Urban Matters
- 3/27/2017 Public hearing - rezoning 1919-17th ave
- 4/2/2017 PGNAETA sends out call for aboriginal tradesperson for 1811 Spruce st
- 4/25/2017 1919-17th ave rezoning is complete
- 6/21/2017 Survey at Aboriginal Day
- 7/1/2017 Project manager hired-Shaun Cormier
- 8/1/2017 Call out to artists for poles and artwork
- 8/1/2017 Housing evacuees - need some stats here
- 9/15/2017 Executive Director 6 month evaluation



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We still have a long way to go in fulfilling current and future needs. We have to remain creative, innovative and persistent, to identify and push for ways to meet the needs of individuals, elders, families, youth and children, to improve community well-being through housing.

It is both a challenging and exciting time for social housing, and specifically Aboriginal Housing, where we have great opportunity to benefit from Government funding initiatives, while also pursuing new ways of doing business.

With an emphasis on our traditional values - researching, speaking, listening, and sharing, while partnering with others – we will continue to serve the needs of this community and our Aboriginal populations now and into the future.

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Ruby Baptiste