

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Presentation to UNSM - Rural & Small Towns

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Process

- Is there a Need
- Public Consultations
- Create: Vision, Mission, Mandate & Values
- Municipal Consent & Support
- Incorporated
- Outreach – Liaison – determine who and what types of organizations are currently available in region.
- Meet – Collaborate – Work Together

Process (con't)

- Research Project:
- Community Coordination
- Research local information, needs assessment specific to community
- Listen
- Plan & Implementation of Housing Forum
- More than 110 participants
- Recommendations
- Create a central data base
- Develop an Advisory Board/Network

Research Findings

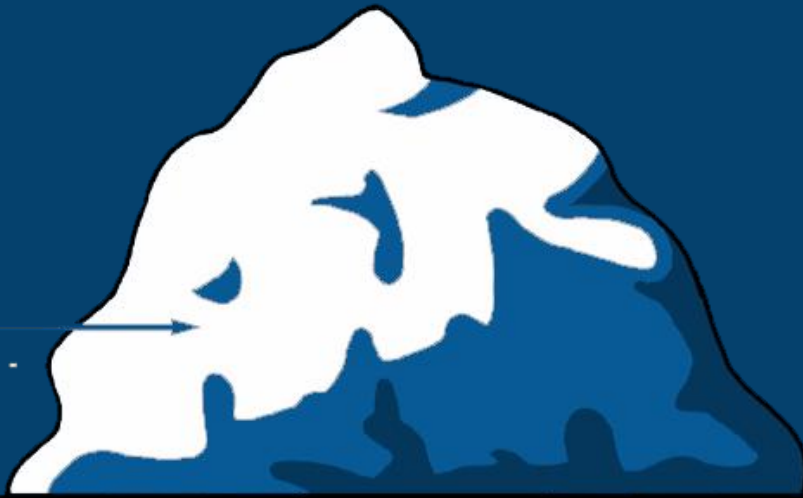
Insecure and Unsafe Housing in Kings County*

THE PRECARIOUS HOUSING “ICEBERG”

Visible homeless

"We lived in a field for a summer - there was a hurricane - we had nowhere else to go"

"I slept in my car, had two jobs, still not enough for rent"





FCM

Oct 2013 Announcement

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced today that it is launching a campaign that calls on the federal government and all political parties to work with provincial, territorial and municipal leaders, as well as the private sector, to develop a credible long-term housing plan.



FCM

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- **ACT** (Affordability and Choice Today) promotes practical solutions at the local level that overcome regulatory barriers to the development of affordable housing. ACT provides grants to local teams made up of municipalities, builders and housing stakeholders who promote the improvement of planning and building regulations in their communities to lower the cost of housing



Municipal Data

Working Together

- ✓ Lower the water level of the Iceberg
- ✓ Rural Nova Scotia Data Stream – Information necessary to receive fair share of Funding to resolve the “Housing Crunch”
- ✓ Develop Partnerships that include government, private sector, not for profit groups as well as service providers and the community.

Quote from Mayor Robertson

“Canada's housing challenges are too big and too complex for any single order of government to solve on its own.”



Municipal Data

(con't)

- Eliminating chronic homelessness through proven strategies
- Stimulating new rental and affordable housing construction with tax incentives or other measures
- Preserving and renovating existing social housing units.
- Measures may include as tax exemptions, streamlined approvals, intensification and redevelopment, and alternative development standards.



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QUESTIONS

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