



## **KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

**SUBJECT: Funding for Seniors Housing Development**

**SUBMITTED BY: Township of Ear Falls**

**YEAR: 2024**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Government of Canada's National Housing Strategy aims to address the housing needs of vulnerable Canadians, including Seniors. However, the current priority groups targeted by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) include Indigenous, Black Canadians, and Women & Children fleeing violence. These are all groups who are also critically in need of affordable and safe housing options.

There are many funding programs being supported under the Government of Canada's 10-year, \$82 billion plan. This includes The CMHC's Seed Funding program and Rapid Housing Initiative (Rounds 1, 2 and 3). Both have been oversubscribed. And the CMHCs' Co-investment Fund has capped contributions to \$25,000/unit which is not a feasible amount for the construction of housing units in remote, northern communities.

Construction costs for Seniors Housing Units in the Kenora District, for communities that are accessible by road, are estimated at \$450 - \$470/sq. ft.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association lobby the Government of Canada to increase funding for the CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative as well as financial support for other programs that improve affordable housing for Seniors in Rural and Northern Communities.**



**COMMITTEE ACTION**  
**CONVENTION ACTION**

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