

National Housing Council Review Panel: How to make your submission



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge and recognize that Canada is a settler colonial state on Turtle Island, which for generations has been governed and inhabited by Indigenous Peoples practicing traditional ways of doing, knowing, and being. Our work acknowledges that the current homelessness crisis, disproportionately impacting Indigenous Peoples, is a direct result of colonial and patriarchal policies that have dispossessed Indigenous Peoples of their lands and homes, and commodified land and housing as profitable assets leading to the concentration of wealth with a privileged few.

Today's Agenda

- About Us
- Right to Housing Roadmap
- Neha Review Panel
- Importance of making a submission
- Five questions to claim your right to housing – share your story
- Q&A



WOMEN'S NATIONAL
HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS
NETWORK

The Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network is one of Canada's leading national organizations working to **eliminate homelessness and housing insecurity for women, girls, and gender-diverse peoples across Canada** through research, policy advocacy, community engagement, human rights work, and strategic litigation.

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ROADMAP TO CLAIMING OUR RIGHT TO HOUSING UNDER THE NHSA

1.

PREPARING THE CLAIM

WNHHN and NIWHN co-develop and launch two historic Human Rights Claims with community advocates from across the country

WE ARE HERE

2.

REVIEW AND REFERRAL

The Federal Housing Advocate reviews and refers the Claims to the National Housing Council

3.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The National Housing Council establishes a Review Panel and holds public hearings

4.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Review Panel submits a report of the outcomes of the hearings (with recommendations) to the Minister

5.

MINISTER'S RESPONSE

The Minister of Housing must issue a response within 120 days in the House of Commons and the Senate

Neha

will examine the right to safe, adequate and affordable housing for women, Two Spirit, and gender-diverse people, and the government's duty to uphold this right.



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Neha Review Panel Timeline

- Written submission portal opened on November 22
- Portal closes on March 14, 2025
- Details for oral dialogues will be announced soon

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Your Voice Makes a Difference!



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In Canada Disability Poverty Begins at Birth



Lifetime Caregivers & Children with Disabilities are Excluded From Federally Funded Programs



Canadian children with severe & prolonged disabilities & their caregivers are excluded from federal government policy / program development

Significant barriers to employment excludes lifetime caregivers from income, workplace benefits & CPP contributions

Canada Recovery Caregiver Benefit excluded lifetime caregivers that had to leave employment at their child's birth

Child Care Benefit: Children with complex needs are discriminated & denied access. Child Care centers frequently refuse or unable to accommodate

Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit:
(Only for 18+ to senior) Disabled children & youth are excluded

Existing EI Caregiver Benefit:
Child cannot have a pre-existing medical condition



Neha Review Panel Questions

The Neha review panel released its terms of reference and a form to fill out, which includes the privacy notice, and person's details, and its **FIVE QUESTIONS:**

1. Vision: What is your vision for safe, adequate, and affordable housing for women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people? For example, what are your hopes and dreams for yourself, your family, your community, and for future generations? What is your vision for all women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people now and for generations to come?



Neha Review Panel Questions

2. Knowledge: What knowledge can be used to inform or support this vision?

For example, in your experience, what has helped to support you or others in your community to secure safe, adequate and affordable housing?

What hasn't helped? Do you have research, reports or other evidence that support your proposed vision?



Neha Review Panel Questions

3. Reason: Why is this vision important?

For example, what is preventing access to safe, adequate, and affordable housing for women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people? How does this lack of access affect you, your family, and your community? How does it affect all women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people? How would things be different if this vision were realized?



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4. Action: What actions are needed to make this vision a reality?

For example, what actions are needed to make a home for yourself or your family? What can women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people do to claim their right to safe, adequate and affordable housing? What actions should be taken by governments, service providers, and others who have the power to make a difference?



Neha Review Panel Questions

5. Is there anything else you want us to know about you to understand your comments better? For example, age, gender, Indigenous identity, race, immigration experience, disabilities, sexual orientation, family status, background, faith, or anything else you wish to share.



Three Ways to Submit to Neha

1. Online Submission

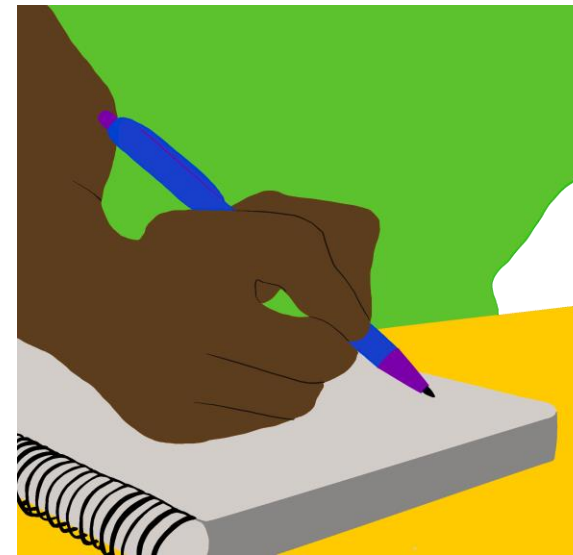
- Complete the [online form](#).
- Please note: The form must be completed and submitted in one sitting, and attachments cannot be uploaded. For those who want to submit an attachment (e.g. Organizations, researchers, etc. who wish to submit reports can do so by email).

2. Email Submission

- Download the form from [here](#).
- Complete it either in the text box provided or as a separate attachment.
- Email your submission to neha@infc.gc.ca.

3. Mail Submission

- Download, print, and complete the form.
- Responses can be handwritten or typed.
- Mail your submission to:
National Housing Council Secretariat
180 Kent St, 11th Floor
Ottawa, ON, K1P 0B6



Share Your Story With Us

If you would like to share your testimony with us, please let us know! Your story may encourage others to do the same.

- Reach out to us at: info@womenshomelessness.ca



Thank you!



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