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Oral Question 837-19(2): New Housing Initiatives in Tłıchǫ Region

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on November 30, 2021 regarding the New Housing Initiatives in the Tłıchǫ Region.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) currently offers two homeownership programs: the Homeownership Initiative and the Home Purchase Program.

The Homeownership Initiative supports the NWTHC's objective of increasing private homeownership in rural and remote communities. The NWTHC will provide eligible Public Housing tenants in detached units the opportunity to become homeowners if they have sufficient income to pay for operating and maintenance costs of the home. In order to be eligible, the applicant must have resided in their Homeownership Entry Level Program (HELP) or Public Housing Unit for a period of three years and they must reside in a rural or remote community where securable land tenure is available. This program is offered in zone B and C communities which includes the Tłıchǫ communities.

The Home Purchase Program provides an opportunity for clients to become homeowners by providing assistance to purchase a modest home. The client will be responsible for obtaining their portion of financing through an approved financial institution. To be eligible for this program the applicant must be a resident of the NWT for three years and one continuous year in the community prior to approval, the home must be the applicants permanent, principal, and sole residence, and the applicant/co-applicant's income must be below the Core Need Income Threshold for their community. This program is currently only available in larger (zone A) communities.

As part of the NWTHC's Renewal process a detailed program review will be undertaken. This includes, but is not limited to, all homeownership programming.

Thank you.

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