

OCTOBER UPDATE

RECRUITMENT OF HRS STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Housing Resources Service (HRS) Steering Committee is currently recruiting for Steering Committee Members. We currently have 2 positions open and would like to fill one position with a representative from the Northern Secwepemc.

Overall, the Steering Committee's responsibilities are to provide guidance and advisory to the HRS services to ensure they align with the participating First Nations' needs and encourage networking, sharing information and capacity building among all participating First Nation. The Committee consists of up to eight (8) representatives from the First Nations communities of the Nlaka'pamux, and Secwepemc Nations and Upper Nicola Band.

The Committee meets quarterly or more frequently, as needed. The successful candidate will need to complete an Oath of Confidentiality and have a letter of support or Band Council Resolution from their community.

Please send a covering letter and resume to HRS@antco.ca before November 17th, 2022. The HRS Steering Committee will make determinations for new Members based on a criteria matrix to ensure diverse representation of First Nations communities, housing experience and knowledge, skills, and commitment to further the goals of the HRS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at hrs@antco.ca.

DEVELOPING A HOUSING PLAN POD WORKSHOPS

Over the past month, we have been conducted Developing a Housing Plan Pod Workshops in Ashcroft and 108 Mile House. Our Pod workshops have 3 to 5 participants to allow for everyone to participate, focus on individualized areas of need, and interact and learn from each other. The following is the draft agenda for the workshop.

9:30am	Coffee and Networking
10:00 – 10:30am	Introductions and Acknowledgement of Territory • Round table introductions • Objectives of the day
10:30 – 12:00pm	Housing Plan Powerpoint Presentation
12:00 – 12:45pm	Lunch and Networking
12:45 – 2:15pm	Group Discussion and Questions and Answers: • Why do you need a plan? • What are the barriers to developing a plan? • How to move forward?
2:15 – 3:00pm	What are the next steps?

We will be having Pod Workshops in the following areas:

- November 8 – Kamloops and Shuswap Lakes area
- November 15 - Merritt area
- November 22 – Lytton area

We are currently confirming locations but if you are interested in attending, please send an email to hrs@antco.ca.

JUNE GATHERING REPORT

In late June, we held our 3rd HRS Gathering, which was an opportunity for communities in the HRS service areas to come together; share the progress of HRS; network; explore alternative housing financing; hearing from our housing partners; and identify key areas that would support First Nations housing departments.

You will find in the Report those issues, challenges and opportunities that were shared for effective management of Housing in your communities. The collective voices from the session will inform the HRS team with planning activities and objectives that support building the tools you need to realize your Housing goals. A copy of the report is located at:

<https://housingresources.ca/project/together-we-can-create-housing-solutions-gathering-report-for-june-27-and-28-2022/>