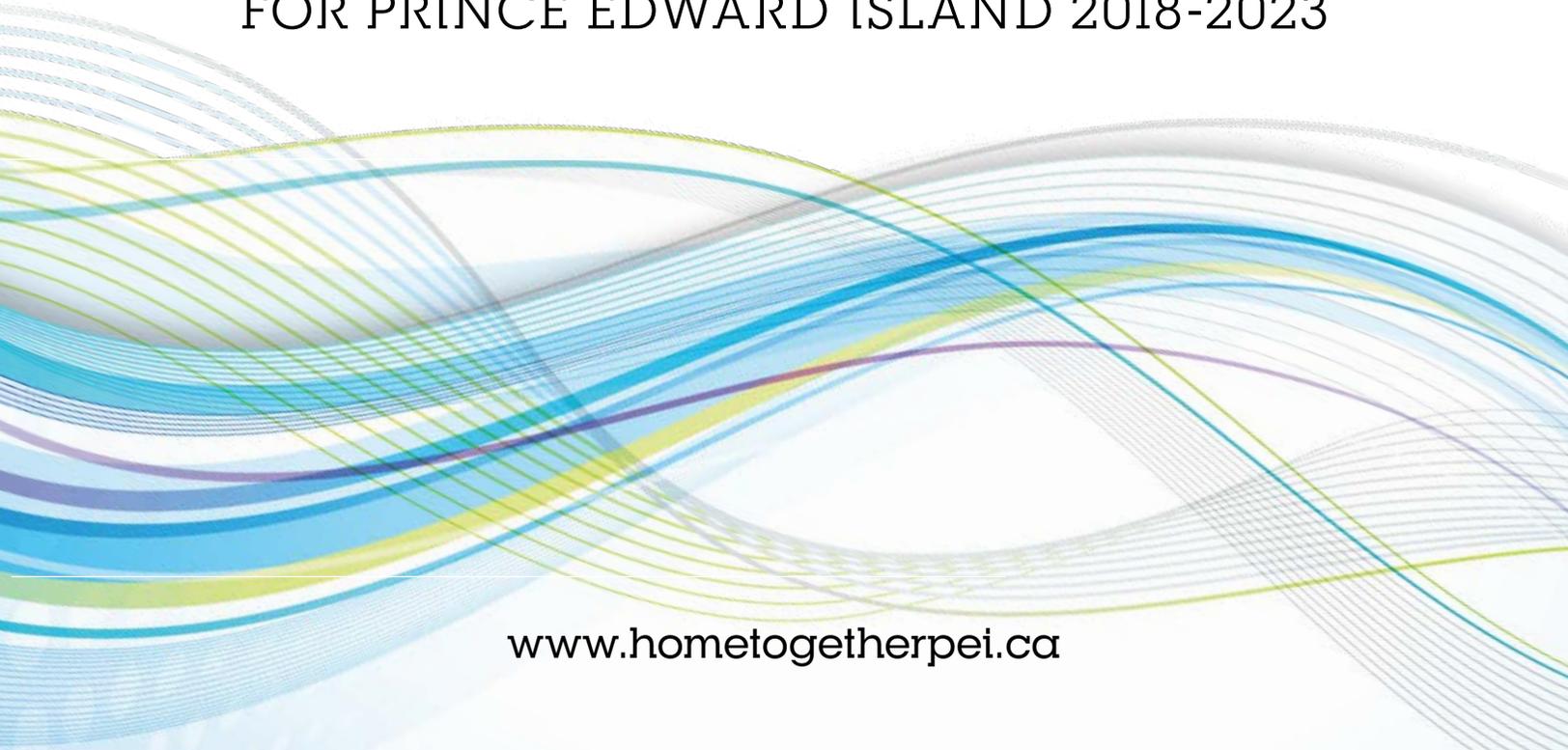




PROGRESS REPORT



HOUSING ACTION PLAN FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 2018-2023



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Message from the Minister



It is my pleasure to provide an update on the progress made on housing initiatives in Prince Edward Island.

Housing is critical for raising healthy children and success in education, jobs, and aging in place. It is not just about buildings; safe and appropriate housing contributes to personal well-being, economic strength and strong communities.

The *Housing Action Plan for Prince Edward Island 2018-2023* was announced in July 2018. It was a blueprint for how community partners, private developers and all levels of government could work together to provide timely access to safe, accessible, appropriate and affordable housing for Islanders. Much was achieved through the Plan.

Since May 2019, our new government has continued to build on that work and is implementing measures to address the realities of the current housing situation in Prince Edward Island and improve availability and affordability. We are committed to delivering 1,200 affordable housing units in the next five years in partnership with provincial, federal and local partners.

This report reflects the achievements made over the past 18 months. Continued reporting on housing progress led by government will be included in the Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation and Department of Social Development and Housing annual reports.

Our Island is stronger when we work together. Through successful partnerships we will provide timely access to affordable housing that meets the current and future needs of Islanders.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernie Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Hon. Ernie Hudson



INTRODUCTION

In July 2018, the Government of Prince Edward Island released a five-year Housing Action Plan to provide timely access to safe, accessible, appropriate and affordable housing for Islanders.

The Action Plan has five goals, with 55 action items to be completed from 2018-2023.

This progress report provides an update on activities and achievements up to December 2019 and sets out the next steps on housing priorities.

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Progress at a Glance



46

actions are completed or in progress

372

new affordable housing units

1150

new mobile rental vouchers

20+

housing partners (community groups, private developers and levels of government)



Availability

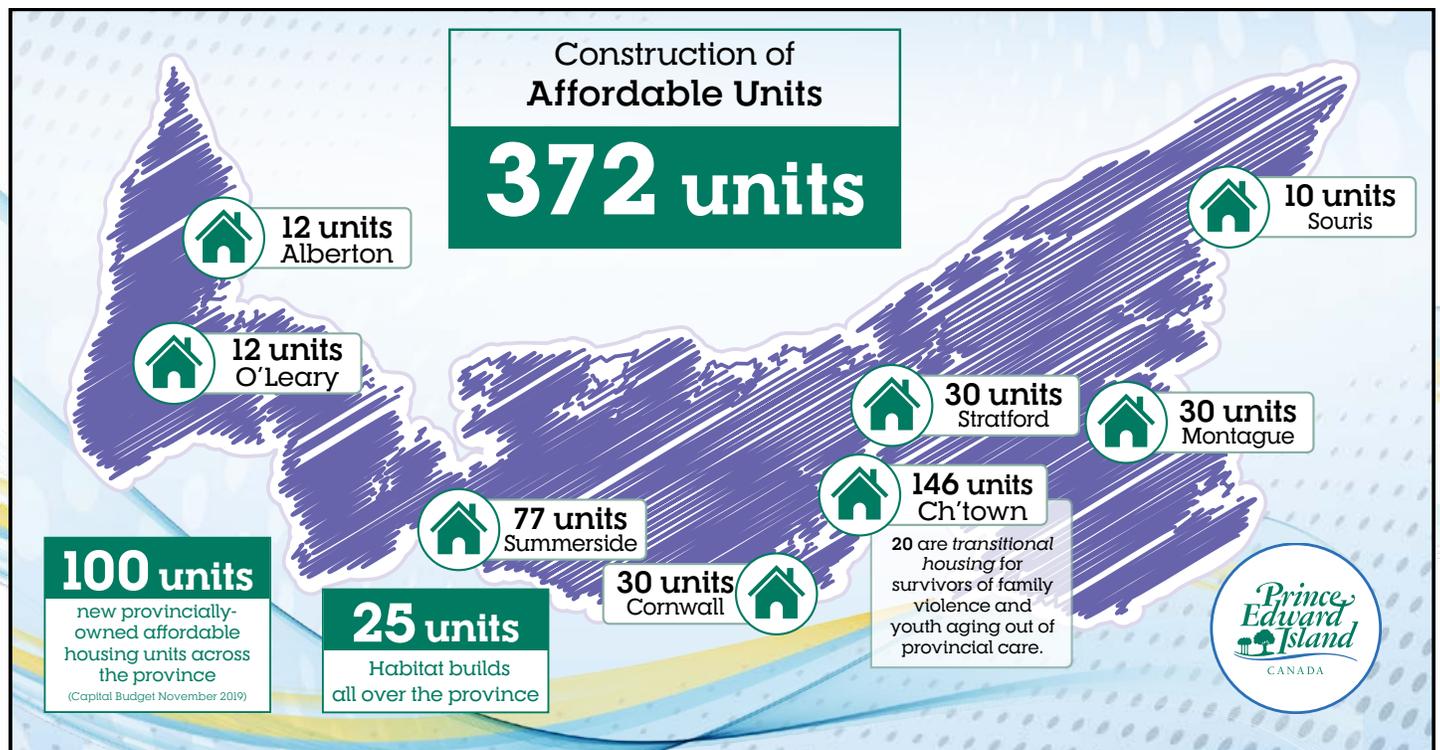
Goal: To ensure availability of diverse housing options for Islanders



To support Islanders in core housing need, the Housing Action Plan set out to create 1,000 new affordable housing units through a combination of new builds and

rental support agreements. The goal for the first year of the plan was to create 275 units across the province. Between units currently under construction and new rental

support agreements through mobile vouchers, over 1,100 new affordable housing units have been initiated in the first year of the plan.



Action Items and Progress

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
<p>1. Create 1000 affordable housing units to remove households from core housing need (social, emergency, transitional, supportive) including building new units and rent supplement of existing units: 275 units 2018-2019; 775 units in 2019-2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 550 new mobile rental vouchers • 270 new senior and family housing units announced (42 government owned, 228 developer / non-profit owned) • 90 market priced units leveraged across all projects • 260 bed residence - UPEI • ensuring coordination and alignment with the National Housing Strategy initiatives
<p>2. Create, through implementation of the Social Infrastructure Fund, a minimum of 76 social housing units to support Island seniors with appropriate, affordable and suitable housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 seniors units in Charlottetown to open December 2019 • 32 seniors units in Summerside to open September 2020
<p>3. Create, through implementation of the Social Infrastructure Fund, a minimum of 10 housing units to support victims of family violence as they transition to safe living arrangements.</p>	<p>Beach Grove Road - 20 units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 units for survivors of family violence • 10 units for youth aging out of child protection • Anticipated opening – July 2020
<p>4. Create 100 new private nursing home beds to address wait times for Island seniors and their families.</p>	<p>Announced November 2018: Phase 1 completed December 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillis Lodge – 10 beds • Andrews of Stratford – 24 beds • The Mount – 16 beds
<p>5. Create 10 transitional housing units to support Islanders with mental health needs as they transition back into community life.</p>	<p>PEI Division of Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and Health PEI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipated opening – April 2020
<p>6. Implement Community Housing Fund in collaboration with community partners to deliver housing solutions.</p>	<p>Province of PEI has partnered with the PEI Division of the CMHA to develop the Community Housing Fund.</p>
<p>7. Enhance government owned social housing to maintain appropriate, affordable and suitable housing for low income Islanders.</p>	<p>The 2019-2020 Capital Budget approved \$800,000 for the renovations of existing government owned social housing.</p>
<p>8. Identify surplus land for use in affordable housing projects</p>	<p>The Province of Prince Edward Island contributed government-owned land to six affordable housing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 units Kings Square Housing Corporation (50 unit building in total) • 20 units transitional housing • 32 units seniors housing in Summerside • 10 units seniors housing in Souris • 10 units housing with Queens County Residential Services (QCRS) • 32 units senior housing in Charlottetown

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
9. Collaborate with municipal and community partners to initiate a National Co-investment Fund pilot project to model innovative housing solutions.	Federal funding partnership projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 units Kings Square Housing Corporation (50 unit building in total) - Charlottetown • 30 units Arsenault Bros Construction Ltd. (71 unit building in total) - Summerside
10. Work with municipalities and the Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) to identify best practices and benchmarks to streamline development supports for affordable housing, including regulation processes, incentives, needs assessment and capacity.	Examples of engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Social Development and Housing presented at the semi-annual meeting of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) in January 2019. • Provided input to City of Charlottetown's Affordable Housing Program Policy. • Continue to work with City of Charlottetown, City of Summerside, Town of Stratford, and the Town of Three Rivers on development projects.
11. Work with Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (IRAC) to increase understanding of housing market conditions and their impact on the rental rate setting process.	IRAC initiated a public awareness campaign on tenant rights and landlord obligations in December 2018.
12. Promote, incentivize and facilitate immigrant investment in affordable housing development including bonus points for immigrant applicants willing to invest in affordable housing projects.	Island Investment Development Inc. (IIDl) updated program criteria to allow new real estate development as an eligible business concept under the entrepreneur stream of the Provincial Nominee Program in December 2018.
13. Examine options for the provision of provincial incentives to developers and community partners including: expedited permits; tax incentives; grants and creative financing opportunities to spur the development of affordable housing.	The Affordable Housing Loan Program, through Finance PEI, provides flexible financing alternatives for developers as an incentive to include affordable rental units in new multi-unit developments or in existing properties being renovated.
14. Expand opportunities to evolve the use of social housing for other population groups such as supportive housing.	Continual monitoring of social housing registry to identify opportunities.
15. Identify affordable housing properties at risk, through sale or other means, and examine ways to keep them affordable	The province supported CMHA to purchase 40 Kent Street in Charlottetown to maintain affordability of 30 units.
16. Continue to develop, align and communicate incentives for affordable housing to developers and community partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New website (www.hometogetherpei.ca) to publicly share housing initiatives and partnership opportunities. • Ongoing meetings with community partners and developers.
17. Using the Housing HUB, examine emerging affordable housing trends and practices including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • garden suites, micro-units, zoning allowances; and • shared housing incentives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual monitoring of affordable housing trends across the country. • Membership on the Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Housing Research Working Group, a subcommittee of the FPT Housing Forum.
18. Using the Housing HUB, examine opportunities and incentives to encourage property owners to retrofit older, vacant homes and vacant commercial space to create affordable units.	Planned implementation time line: 2019-2023.

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
19. Through the Housing HUB, partner with the construction industry to identify options to quickly increase housing supply when necessary.	Skills PEI is partnering with the Construction Association of Prince Edward Island on 3 projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR Advisor • Island Builder • Team Construction
20. Update Rental of Residential Property Act and Regulations to ensure practices are current and fair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRAC is currently reviewing its Act and Regulations and will report recommendations to government. • The Province of Prince Edward Island has supported the Community Legal Information Association to establish a Tenant Support Worker to assist tenants and landlords to understand their rights and responsibilities.

PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES (since July 2019)

- Approved an additional 600 mobile rental vouchers to support Islanders maintain their existing housing units as affordable.
- Implementation of the Community Housing Fund in partnership with CMHA. A total of 21 applications were received.
- Provide incentives to developers to create affordable units through the Affordable Housing Development Program (announced October 1, 2019). As of December 31, 2019, the Province has signed an agreement with one developer for six new affordable housing units for Summerside.
- Increased the capacity for a new affordable housing development on Pioneer Drive in Charlottetown from 20 units to 32. Construction began in November with expected completion in fall 2020.
- The 2020-2021 Capital Budget approved funding to support 100 new government owned social housing units (\$17.5 million) and to renovate existing government owned social housing (\$4.3 million).
- Initiated 16 new family housing units in Summerside through Slemon Park Corporation.
- On December 1, 2019, 44 affordable housing units for seniors opened in Charlottetown.
- Finance PEI created a new multi-unit residential loan development fund in November 2019 to help developers, organizations and non-profits build more housing for Islanders.
- Phase 2 of private nursing home bed implementation:
 - *The Mount* - 20 beds - November 2019
 - *Chez Nous* - 12 beds - December 2019



Availability

Next Steps:

- Create 1,200 more new affordable housing units over 4 years including implementing the 600 new mobile rental vouchers.
- Phase 2 of private nursing home bed implementation:
 - *Andrews of Summerside* - 30 beds - Spring 2020
- IRAC to update its Act and Regulations.
- Continue monitoring research of housing trends including supply, demand, best practices and innovation.
- Continue to examine options for partnerships with developers and community partners.

Affordability

Goal: *Build the capacity of stakeholders to provide affordable housing for Islanders, especially those in need.*



Recognizing that new construction of affordable units takes time, the Province has focused attention to increasing the number of rental support agreements with tenants and landlords. The majority of the focus has been on mobile rental vouchers.

Mobile rental vouchers help Islanders bridge the gap between what they can afford to pay and actual housing costs. Islanders qualifying for assistance have their rental rate reduced to 25 per cent of their household income.

In the last 18 months, the Province has increased the number of mobile rental vouchers by 1150.

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Action Items and Progress

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
21. Partner with The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada to foster the growth and evolution of co-operative housing across PEI.	Planned implementation timeline: 2020-2023.
22. Create capacity to enable community partners, developers and other levels of government to identify and develop solutions to support Islanders experiencing housing affordability challenges (Community Housing Liaison)	Position created April 2018.
23. Extend expiring affordable housing agreements with developers to protect current affordable housing stock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue ongoing effort to work with developers as agreements expire. • Agreement to maintain affordability of 11 units in Summerside – October 2018.
24. Create an affordable housing loan fund which may be used to leverage other funding including the National Co-investment fund. Loans will be made for new housing construction, acquisition of affordable housing stock at risk, and rehabilitation of existing stock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance PEI developed an Affordable Housing Loan Program for developers in 2019.
25. Create a Down Payment Assistance Program pilot to assist Prince Edward Islanders with modest incomes who pre-qualify for an insured mortgage to purchase their first home. Eligible participants can apply to receive an interest-free repayable loan of up to five per cent of the purchase price of a home.	<p>As of June 30, 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 137 applications received • 51 approved • 37 declined, withdrawn, or expired • 49 in progress
26. Examine supports to affordable home ownership and first-time home buyers.	<p>For home owners :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEI Home Renovation Program • Seniors Home Repair Program • Seniors Safe @ Home Program <p>For first time home buyers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Down Payment Assistance Program
27. Complete annual reviews of social assistance shelter ceiling levels to help Islanders requiring assistance with the cost of living.	<p>Shelter rates increased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3% - November 2018 • 6% - January 2019

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
28. Include affordable housing as part of municipal planning requirements.	<p>Continual engagement with municipalities to support the creation of affordable housing policies. Examples of initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input to City of Charlottetown’s Affordable Housing Program Policy. • Work with City of Charlottetown, City of Summerside, Town of Stratford, and the Town of Three Rivers on development projects. <p>Both the cities of Summerside and Charlottetown have worked with private developers to eliminate property tax as an incentive to affordable housing builds.</p>

PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES (since July 2019)

- Provide incentives to developers to create affordable units through the Affordable Housing Development Program.
- Provide supports to developers to create more housing through the Multi-unit Residential Loan Program.
- The Province increased the budget for the Down Payment Assistance Program in November 2019. As of December 31, 2019, the program has received a total of 228 applications and has approved 91 home owners.

NEXT STEPS

- Continue working with municipalities to include affordable housing in municipal planning requirements.
- Continue implementation of 600 additional mobile rental vouchers.
- Continue to work with the federal government to implement the Canada Housing Benefit for Prince Edward Island.

Sustainable Communities

Goal: *Ensure communities have sustainable housing that is safe, barrier-free, supports aging in place, encourages both energy efficiency and financial sustainability, and supports diversity so Islanders can live in appropriate housing in their community.*



(l-r) Captain Jamie Locke, Major Wayne Loveless, Premier Dennis King, Minister of Social Development and Housing Ernie Hudson, Majors Dan and Glenda Roode and Mike Redmond

The Province of Prince Edward Island, through the Department of Social Development and Housing, is providing The Salvation Army \$343,000 annually to help operate Bedford-MacDonald House. This funding allows 24/7 accessibility to programs and supports for men in

need of shelter in Charlottetown. Bedford-MacDonald House now provides support to help men successfully transition away from homelessness through coaching, social interaction, direction to practical resources, lifestyle skill development and connection to community resources.

Additionally, the funding will allow for new programs focussed on health, grooming, social and spiritual care. This includes hygiene kits, recreational activities and more.

Action Items and Progress

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
29. Create a Senior Advisor for Housing and Infrastructure to lead Housing Hub.	<p>Temporary Senior Advisor for Housing and Infrastructure role created in July 2018 to assist in the initial implementation of the Housing Action Plan.</p> <p>Specific initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • worked with 12 municipalities on housing solutions. • worked with 75 private developers on project development including supply, demand and funding opportunities. • connected municipalities and developers with the provincial and federal governments to initiate new affordable housing builds.
30. Create a Housing Navigator to enable Islanders to access appropriate services and supports.	Housing Navigator position created - February 2019.
31. Create a Tenant Outreach Worker to support social housing tenants to achieve successful housing placements and to access available services and supports.	Position duties developed - May 2019.
32. Optimize access to the Seniors Independence Initiative, Seniors Home Repair Program and Seniors Safe at Home Program to ensure maximum opportunity for Island seniors to remain in their homes and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors Home Repair Program was enhanced and expanded in March 2019. • Review of Seniors Independence Initiative program in progress.
33. Enhance government's home renovation programs to improve the quality of private and rental housing stock to ensure suitable and appropriate housing for low income Islanders.	PEI Home Renovations Program was enhanced and expanded in February 2019.
34. Incentivize energy efficient housing development to enhance housing affordability and sustainability.	<p>The Department of Social Development and Housing has partnered with Efficiency PEI (EPEI) for execution of the 2019-20 home renovation programs. Through a single application process clients are connected with EPEI programs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home energy audit program • Energy efficient appliance rebates • Energy efficient equipment rebates



ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
35. Examine emergency housing options for people in housing crisis to support vulnerable populations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single point of access was created through the Emergency Shelter Referral line: 1-833-220-4722. • Emergency shelter pilot initiated for winter 2018/19. • Temporary Housing Task Team created within government to oversee initiatives and process streamlining. • Initiated a women’s shelter pilot in winter 2018/19 (Blooming House – 8 beds); • Enhanced shelter services provided by Bedford MacDonald House to operate 24/7. • Province provided a van to Downtown Charlottetown Inc. to be used by Downtown Street Navigator to assist with warming, social access, and referral / transport to emergency housing. • Initiated a province-wide community needs assessment for emergency shelters. • Continued membership on Community Advisory Board for Homelessness.
36. Through the Housing Hub, research and identify rural-specific affordable housing challenges and solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in affordable housing survey for Eastern Kings completed by the Montague Rotary Club. • Continued review of social housing registry to understand demand and need in all communities. • Continued engagement with rural municipalities and developers to understand local need.
37. Examine implementation of National Building Code to ensure appropriate and suitable housing.	Building Code Act (PEI) was passed in Spring 2017 but has yet to be proclaimed.
38. Explore mandating new affordable housing units to be built to a to-be-defined energy efficient standard.	New units in private and government owned builds are expected to meet and exceed national building code standards for energy efficiency.
39. Develop regulations to ensure landlords are providing increased ‘basic’ standards of living for safe housing.	IRAC is reviewing its Act and Regulation and will include public consultation as part of the review.
40. Ensure that the Provincial Land Use Policy is informed to support mixed community development and affordability goals including provincial minimum standards and design guidelines to address the built environment, such as inclusionary zoning, density bonus provisions and support for expedited processes that include affordable housing.	Planned implementation timeline: 2020-2023.

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
41. Work with partners to ensure that affordable housing development includes community design and planning for walk-ability, biking, and access to services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with developers as plans and proposals are submitted. • Consideration of community design and planning in creation of government programs that support affordable housing.
42. Promote and encourage diverse housing communities with mixed market rentals, retail space, mixed income residents and residents with differing abilities and needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with developers as plans and proposals are submitted. • Consideration of community design and planning in creation of government programs that support affordable housing. • Support developers with their applications for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporations (CMHC) funding.

PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES (since July 2019)

- Province-wide Community Needs Assessment for emergency shelter completed and publically shared in November 2019. Initial government actions taken include:
 - Extending the contact with Blooming House to March 31, 2020.
 - Increasing the number of warming shelters in the province.
 - The creation of a centrally located community outreach centre.
 - A working group has come together to address, develop, and implement the need for warming shelters in the Charlottetown Area.
 - Continued partnership with a local Charlottetown landlord to provide transitional housing for men, women and families.

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to implement government's response to the Community Needs Assessment for Emergency Shelter recommendations including the development of transitional housing.
- Plan implementation of changes to maximum funding thresholds for the government's renovation programs as per department mandate letter.
- The Building Code Act is anticipated to be proclaimed prior to the 2020 construction season.

Coordination and Collaboration

Goal: Provide seamless services and maximize supports to Islanders through coordination and collaboration amongst all levels of government and community organizations.



Housing is an important support for individuals and families to be healthy, productive and successful citizens. We need collaboration, partnership and coordination to successfully address affordable housing needs.

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
<p>43. Through Housing Hub, identify opportunities to address construction-related labour market shortfalls to ensure the availability of qualified trades to build needed housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills PEI, in partnership with Construction Association of PEI, have initiated programs that build interest for trades study such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR Advisor • Island Builder • Team Construction • Holland College is offering online apprenticeship certification for 2 programs (welding and machinist trades). • Construction Association Phase 2 of recruitment plan to target high-school students (March 2019).
<p>44. Through Housing Hub, continue to identify point in time need for specialized housing and support services and increase availability based on need.</p>	<p>Updating available data on availability of residential beds and number of individuals on waitlist to inform decisions on possible expansions required for new beds across the province.</p>

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
45. Expand the housing navigator function to include the development and management of a coordinated process to identify those needing affordable housing.	Housing Navigator hired February 2019.
46. Expand the housing navigator function to include the development and management of a centralized online registry of available safe and appropriate rental properties and resources.	Planned implementation timeline: 2020-2023
47. Collaborate and partner with First Nations and Indigenous groups to address affordable housing needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project specific engagement with Native Council of PEI. • Government support to Habitat for Humanity for 25 new homes; one of which will be built on Lennox Island with support from the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI (MCPEI).

PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES (since July 2019)

- Continue support to non-government organizations that provide residential care and services to intellectually challenged adults: \$2.3 million to create 23 new residential beds across the province was announced in October 2019.

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to monitor and understand needs of those on the waitlist for residential care.
- Continued engagement with Native Council of PEI and the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI on needs.
- Continue working on coordinated access (Homeless Individuals and Families Information System - HIFIS) with the Community Advisory board on Homelessness.

Leadership

Goal: Provide strong leadership that uses evidence-informed decision making built on best practices and data to support implementation and provide ongoing evaluation, monitoring and reporting.



A key aspect of successfully implementing the Housing Action Plan is ensuring there is strong leadership. The first year of the Housing Action Plan was led by a Cabinet Committee on Housing and Special Advisor on Housing and Infrastructure as well as the Housing Hub.

Going forward, the plan is led by the Housing Hub, a core group within the Department of Social Development and Housing, to ensure the priority is on quickly improving the affordability, suitability and adequacy of Islander’s housing needs rather than add more levels of

bureaucracy. Supports from other government departments are accessed as needed.

Action Items and Progress

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
<p>48. Establish a Cabinet Committee on Housing (CCOH) to lead: government’s approach to housing across the province, the development and supply of affordable housing, and housing market development, analysis and innovation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Committee on Housing (CCOH) established to jumpstart Year 1 Plan actions (Fall 2018). • Plan leadership streamlined to ensure resources focused on initiative delivery. Cabinet Committee on Housing (CCOH) disbanded and plan leadership assigned to Department of Social Development and Housing in May 2019.

ACTION	PROGRESS: July 2018 to June 2019
<p>49. Establish a multi-sectoral Housing Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to direction from, and provide advice to, the Cabinet Committee on Housing. • Oversee implementation of the Housing Action Plan; • Administer the Community Housing Fund; • Ensure plan alignment with the National Housing Strategy; and • Ensure plan alignment with the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Council established to support initiation of Year 1 Plan actions (Fall 2018). • Plan oversight streamlined and assigned to Department of Social Development and Housing (May 2019).
<p>50. Develop a collaborative Housing Hub to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to direction from, and provide support to, the Housing Council; • Implement the Housing Action Plan; • Function as an affordable housing centre of excellence; • Support and provide advice to affordable housing partners. 	<p>The Housing Hub was created in September 2018. It consists of a core group of staff within the Department of Social Development and Housing who manage Plan implementation. Supports from other government departments are accessed on an initiative by initiative basis to ensure needed expertise is available.</p>
<p>51. Develop an evaluation and public reporting framework for the Housing Action Plan to ensure accountability to Islanders.</p>	<p>New website to publicly share housing initiatives and partnership opportunities (March 2019).</p>
<p>52. Through Housing Hub, enhance research capacity to identify and address affordable housing information gaps and enable evidence-based affordable housing solutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued monitoring of affordable housing research across the country such as jurisdictions' use of tiny homes and pre-fabricated homes as solutions for affordable housing and homelessness. • Membership on the Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Housing Research Group, a subcommittee of the FPT Housing Forum.
<p>53. Create and conduct housing tenant satisfaction surveys to identify and respond to needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided input to the development of the 2018 Canadian Housing Survey and the 2018 Social and Affordable Housing Survey – Rental structures with CMHC and Statistics Canada. • Planned implementation timeline: 2021-2023.
<p>54. Address data sharing barriers and develop data sharing relationships with community groups (such as newcomer assistance, non-profits) to support understanding of point in time need and available resources.</p>	<p>Working with the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Phase 1 of HIFIS (Homeless Individuals and Families Information System), an initiative of <i>Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy</i>.</p> <p>Planned implementation timeline: 2020-2023</p>
<p>55. Expand data currently available through government's open data portal available to support transparency and accountability (including providing the meta-data for any information made publicly).</p>	<p>Continue to provide housing data on the government's open data portal.</p>



Leadership

PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES (since July 2019)

- Presented to Standing Committee on Health and Social Development on housing initiatives.
- Process for public reporting on housing progress developed.

Next Steps

- Continue consultation with community stakeholders to identify any affordable housing gaps and methods to meet those gaps.
- Continue to update government's open data portal with housing data.
- Continue to work with CAB to implement coordinated access and HIFIS.

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beds
Dec. 2018



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beds
ready fall/spring
2019-20

**Increase of long term
private nursing home beds**

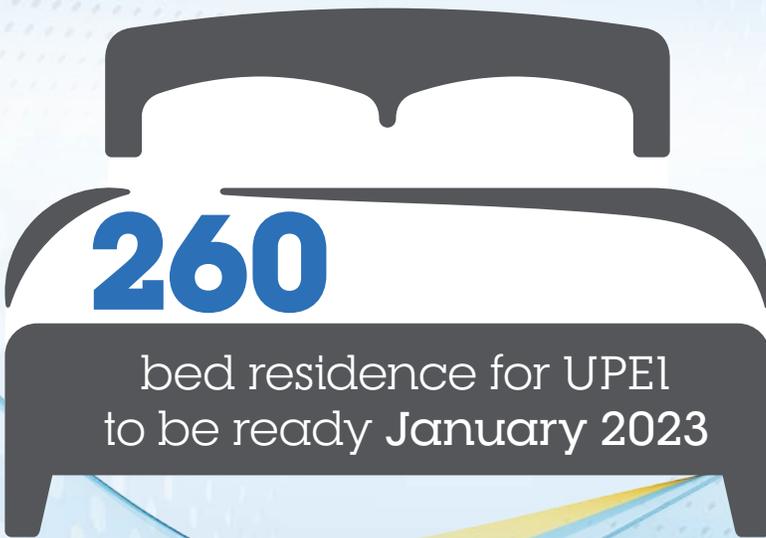


Down Payment Assistance Program



91

first time homebuyers
were supported
(as of December 31, 2019)



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The Province of Prince Edward Island thanks the many Islanders, community groups, non-profits, construction industry, private developers and levels of government that have contributed to the Housing Action Plan for Prince Edward Island 2018-2023.

This action plan will help Islanders have timely access to safe, accessible, appropriate, and affordable housing.

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