



Ours To Build On

Housing Action
Plan for Yukon

Progress Report

April 2018–March 2019



Photo: Government of Yukon

Table of Contents

Message from the Housing Action Plan Implementation Committee.....	2
Committee Members.....	3
Looking Ahead 2019–2020.....	4
Report on Progress.....	7
How We Measure Progress.....	7
2018–2019 Housing Action Plan Highlights.....	9
Pillar #1 – Housing with Services.....	11
Pillar #2 – Rental Housing.....	12
Pillar #3 – Home Ownership.....	14
Safe at Home.....	15

Cover Photo: Government of Yukon

Message from the Housing Action Plan Implementation Committee

The housing sector continues to make advancements along all areas of the housing continuum. We are proud of the commitment to housing progress seen in this year's Housing Action Plan report.

It is exciting to work with community members to help create housing options that suit the needs of our northern people. In taking part, we are developing wisdom from each engagement, and strengthening relationships.

Yukon is a place to call home to over 40,000¹ people. It is currently recognized as one of the fastest growing populations in Canada. Under the Housing Action Plan and the Safe At Home Plan, we continue to build partnerships. With these plans providing us a common vision, we are preparing for future growth and an aging population. We are striving to build smarter and more sustainable housing in a more strategic way.

We aim to invest in the healthy and stable lives of Yukoners through safe and affordable housing throughout the territory. Through community-based cooperation, we are working together to influence change in housing in Yukon, our place to call home.

Respectfully,
*Housing Action Plan
Implementation Committee*

¹ eco.gov.yk.ca/stats/pdf/populationQ2_2018.pdf
Yukon Bureau of Statistics, Population Report Second Quarter, 2018

Committee Members



Looking Ahead 2019–2020

Across Canada, 1.7 million households (13%) are in core housing need, spending more than 30% of their income on shelter. Female-led households are particularly disadvantaged, with 28% in core housing need, a measure that is far higher for Indigenous households, especially on reserve. In a country as prosperous as ours, these levels of hardship are hard to take².

² CMHC© Housing Observer

Our Goal: Achieving Housing Affordability for All, February 7, 2019

Canada's first-ever National Housing Strategy was presented on November 22, 2017. Organized through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), \$40 billion over a ten-year period is being used to ensure that Canadians have access to housing that meets their needs and that they can afford.

The National Housing Strategy sets objectives to ensure that investments and new programming deliver results. What we set out to achieve:

- **cutting chronic homelessness by 50%**
- **removing families from housing need**
- **renovating and modernizing homes**
- **building new homes**

These are some federal initiatives that are creating opportunities for Yukon:

- The National Housing Co-Investment Fund, delivered by CMHC, targets the construction and renovation of affordable housing through low-cost, repayable loans and capital contributions.
- The Affordable Housing Innovation Fund is intended to encourage new funding models and innovative building techniques in the affordable housing sector.
- The Canada Housing Benefit, that will make rental supplements subsidies available to those in need to assist with housing affordability, has an expected launch date of 2020.
- Reaching Home, officially launched on April 1, 2019 by Employment and Social Development Canada, is a re-launch of the Homeless Partnering Strategy. Through community partnerships, this initiative aims to reduce homelessness across Canada.

- A draft of the plan led by Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has been endorsed by the Assembly for First Nations. This year we expect to see the First Nation Housing Strategy unfold.
- In September 2019, Canada is launching its Home Buyers Incentive Program. This program will help first time home buyers purchase their own home through down payment assistance.

Looking at 2018–2019

The Housing Action Plan for Yukon was developed as a community-based plan, with the partners providing an array of knowledge and experience in the field of housing. It is with this ongoing spirit of partnership that we continue to put the plan into action.

Throughout 2018–19, the Housing Action Plan members met on a regular basis, sharing issues, statistics and activities throughout the housing continuum.

In the spirit of aligning priorities, the Housing Action Plan Committee assembled in late August 2018 to ensure that the core of our actions continue to support the three pillars of the Housing Action Plan.

Community partners were then invited to participate in the co-development of the Canada Housing Benefit for Yukon, offering input from different facets of service and experience to design a customized fit for northern needs.

Housing in Motion

2019–2020 will be the fifth year of implementation of the Housing Action Plan, representing the halfway point of the ten-year plan. With this in mind, the Implementation Committee will be reviewing and updating the implementation priorities, and adjusting course based upon the changing landscape of housing in Yukon.

There are many housing initiatives expected to get underway during 2019–2020:

- Yukon Housing Corporation's Housing Initiatives Fund is helping to provide housing.
 - As a result of the 2018 call for projects, we will see completion of three projects by fall 2019 and anticipate completion of seven projects by spring 2020.
 - The second call for projects was recently held and as a result, we anticipate development of ten projects to be completed by 2020.
 - A third call for proposals will be held during 2019–2020.
- Yukon Housing Corporation will be initiating design work for up to 48 units of mixed income affordable housing, with construction planned to begin in 2020. This will be a first of its kind for Yukon Housing Corporation.
- KBC Developments has begun provisions for its Normandy Project, a senior's affordable housing development in Whitehorse. This project is supported under the Housing Initiatives Fund with Yukon Housing Corporation and City of Whitehorse development incentive.
- The Challenge Disability Resource Group is making progress towards the development and construction of their Cornerstone Housing project in Whitehorse. The City of Whitehorse and Government of Yukon have each made funding available to support this project.
- The City of Whitehorse and Government of Yukon have identified 13 parcels of land in eight different Whitehorse neighborhoods that could be developed for housing. Depending on the location, each could have between one and five housing lots. This partnership will allow each government to dispose of their own land parcels in the upcoming year now that all appropriate zoning and subdivision approvals have been completed.



Photo: Government of Yukon

- Health and Social Services is planning construction of a health centre in Old Crow that will be a “collaborative care” facility that intends on providing regional social services, home care services, mental wellness, and community nursing under one roof. There will also be space for dental services and regional therapy sessions.
 - Yukon Housing Corporation is planning construction of a ten-unit mixed housing building, also in Old Crow, in parallel with the new health centre.
- Yukon College is aiming to become Yukon University (YukonU) in spring of 2020. Yukon’s first university, offering programming that is deeply immersed in research and education opportunities that are relevant to the North. Maintaining close partnership with First Nations governments assists in developing training that is tailor made for our territory as it grows and evolves. This project will include new investments in student housing.
- Health and Social Services is continuing to expand programming and services at the emergency shelter at 4th and Alexander Street in Whitehorse.
- Yukon’s “Housing First” model, a sixteen-unit multiplex, of which the programming is focused on housing with supports for those who are at most risk of homelessness, will be completed summer 2019. Government of Yukon, through Yukon Housing Corporation and Health and Social Services, supported the construction of the building.
- The Safe at Home Plan to End Homelessness will continue to be implemented, to address the housing needs of program and service users in Whitehorse, with initiatives extending into Yukon’s communities in 2019–2020.

See pages 15–20 to view progress and future plans for the Safe at Home initiative.

Report on Progress

How We Measure Progress

The Housing Action Plan for Yukon is structured under three main pillars: Housing with Services, Rental Housing and Home Ownership. Each pillar is supported by related goals, objectives and key actions. This structure provides a basis for the Implementation Committee to measure its performance is based on carefully considered, resolute goals.

Since the plan's approval in 2015, many of the issues identified in the Housing Action Plan were addressed through the hard work of Yukon's housing stakeholders.

It is recognized that there remains a tremendous amount of work to accomplish the mandate to meet the housing supply for Yukoners through 2025.

We need to not only address today's demand, but also anticipate housing needs that account for population growth and changing needs of citizens. With our community partners, our goal is tangible and we are proud to reflect on our accomplishments that would not have been achieved without collaboration.

The Housing Action Plan Vision 2025

Addressing Our Housing Needs Now and In The Future

We envision a Yukon where diversity and an abundance of housing options increases the health and stability of all individuals and communities.

Pillar #1 Housing with Services	Pillar #2 Rental Housing	Pillar #3 Home Ownership
GOAL Help people gain and maintain housing with services.	GOAL Increase access to adequate and affordable market and non-market rental housing and support for tenants and landlords.	GOAL Increase and diversify home ownership options.
OBJECTIVES 1.1 Identify and address key gaps in the delivery of housing with services. 1.2 Use education and awareness to increase support for and utilization of current housing with services. 1.3 Increase collaboration and effectiveness among housing and/or related service providers.	OBJECTIVES 2.1 Identify market and non-market rental housing gaps and potential solutions. 2.2 Improve rental outcomes for both landlords and tenants. 2.3 Increase the quantity and quality of market rental housing stock. 2.4 Increase the quantity and quality of non-market rental housing stock.	OBJECTIVES 3.1 Increase utilization of First Nations settlement land for residential purposes. 3.2 Increase consumer knowledge and awareness of home ownership opportunities and challenges. 3.3 Increase the availability and diversity of land for residential development.
Data and Metrics DM.1 Ensure that collective action on housing issues in Yukon is supported by reliable, current data. DM.2 Use data and metrics to monitor progress on the Housing Action Plan (HAP). Implementation IM.1 Ensure a coordinated and adaptable approach to implementing the HAP. IM.2 Foster communication, collaboration, and partnerships. IM.3 Maintain transparency and accountability throughout HAP implementation.		

2018–2019 Housing Action Plan Highlights

Featured Community Actions: Without the activities and endeavors of community-based initiatives, we will not succeed. It is with pleasure that we honour achievements that improve housing across the continuum.

- Yukon Housing Corporation hosted a Pre-Design Workshop for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings. Representatives from all Yukon First Nations attended the workshop and provided input on the best design for buildings in Yukon communities.
- The bilateral agreement between Government of Canada and Health and Social Services secured an investment of \$25.6 million over four years to support health system innovation in Yukon. This funding is Yukon's portion of the Territorial Health Investment Fund. Through this agreement, Yukon is receiving approximately \$5.2 million in targeted federal funding over five years, as part of a ten-year federal financial commitment of approximately \$11 million.
- The Community Services' Residential Tenancies Office responded to over 3000 inquiries from the public, resolved over 120 cases through the formal dispute resolution process, and handled approximately 40 negotiations between landlords and tenants.
- The Northern Regional Education Networking Tradeshow (RENT) Event, in partnership the BC Non-Profit Housing Association, was hosted in Whitehorse to showcase housing initiatives in BC and Yukon and provide networking opportunities for Yukon and BC housing providers.
- Health and Social Services, assisted by Yukon Housing Corporation, conducted public consultation that involved elders, some Yukon Hospital Corporation staff, and members of the communities to help us understand what Aging in Place means for Yukon.
- Kwanlin Dün First Nation is retrofitting ten existing houses, with funding from the Yukon Housing Corporation First Nation Housing Partnership program.
- The Yukon Housing Corporation's Housing Initiatives Fund had two successful intakes for project proposals, one in June 2018 and again in January 2019. First Nations, non-government organizations and development corporations are utilizing the funding to build 20 affordable housing projects throughout Yukon.

- Yukon Housing Corporation committed \$719,000 through the Home Repair Loan Program to help 28 Yukon home owners with financing for repairs, energy efficiency upgrades and to address overcrowding or accessibility issues.
- The Comprehensive Municipal Grant was updated following a review by a joint Government of Yukon and Association of Yukon Communities working group, providing predictable, sustainable funding for the next five years. In total, municipal funding through the grant will increase by \$700,000 this year, with further increases projected over the next five years. A key change makes the \$50,000 supplementary funding a permanent part of the grant. This will account for the significant costs municipalities incur for regulatory compliance in areas like solid waste, structural fire, clean water and waste water.
- The Government of Yukon has issued a special warrant to increase funding and meet the demand for infrastructure and land development projects across the territory. This is intended to maximize benefits to Yukon communities for infrastructure and land development. These additional funds are necessary for municipal and First Nations projects that fall under federal infrastructure funding programs and are progressing faster than originally expected. The special warrant allows the territory to take full advantage of federal funding opportunities and helps address the development priorities of Yukon communities.
- On April 10, 2019, Government of Yukon announced a new initiative to release housing lots in Whitehorse for private sector development through public tender.

The City of Whitehorse:

- issued development permits to allow the construction of 395 new housing units in 2018 and 141 in the first quarter of 2019, for residential units.
- launched its Official Community Plan called “Whitehorse 2040”, with a focus on housing to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population.
- approved zoning amendment applications for multiple housing developments in Porter Creek and Copper Ridge.
- completed several updates to its Development Incentives Policy in 2018 and is planning larger revisions in 2019.
- Selkirk First Nation is conducting mechanical and energy upgrades to eight housing units in Pelly Crossing.
- Regulations are being established to bring the Condominium Act, 2015, into force. This is a key factor of the Land Titles Modernization Project, which is updating Yukon’s land titles regime with current land and property development best practices. There are 258 condominium corporations in Yukon, mostly in the Whitehorse area.
- The release of the case study and report of Super Insulated Homes in the North. This study was undertaken to document the design and construction of super-insulated (SuperGreen1) housing within Yukon and provide information on their performance, return on investment (where possible), and lessons learned by builder participants.



Pillar #1 Housing with Services

GOAL: Help people gain and maintain housing with services.

- Whistle Bend Place, the newest long-term care facility, was designed to be a community within a community. It is the largest infrastructure project ever completed in Yukon, officially opening in September 2018.
- Blood Ties completed construction of the Steve Cardiff tiny homes community in Whitehorse with support of \$200,000 from the Victims of Violence Program (Yukon Housing Corporation), \$50,000 from the Municipal Matching Rental Construction Program (Yukon Housing Corporation) and \$100,000 from the Community Development Fund (Economic Development).
- Construction is well underway on Government of Yukon's Housing First project (16 units). The project is slated for completion in summer 2019 and will provide housing with supports for individuals currently facing homelessness.
- KBC Developments has begun preparations for its Normandy Project, a senior's affordable housing development in Whitehorse that includes a plan for housing with services. This project is supported by \$500,000 in funding under the Housing Initiatives Fund with Yukon Housing Corporation and \$500,000 under the City of Whitehorse development incentive.
- The Challenge Disability Resource Group is making progress towards the development and construction of their Cornerstone Housing project in Whitehorse. This includes land preparation and design work. Challenge is in the process of leveraging additional funding from other sources in order to advance the project. The City of Whitehorse and Government of Yukon have each made funding available to support this project.



Photo: Government of Yukon

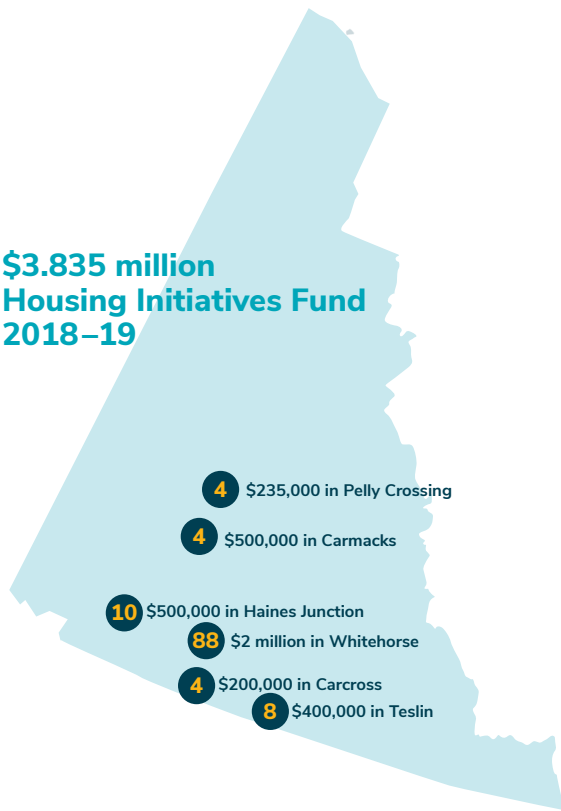
Pillar #2

Rental Housing

GOAL: Increase access to adequate and affordable market and non-market rental housing and support for tenants and landlords.

- Yukon Housing Corporation assisted 90 households through the Rent Supplement Program and 14 Rental Housing Allowance for Families Program.
- Yukon Housing Corporation completed construction of a social housing duplex in Whitehorse, purpose-built for accessibility.
- Yukon Housing Corporation completed construction of two new accessible duplexes in Carmacks, adding four new units to the community.
- Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation is developing three detached homes and purchasing one mobile home.
- Selkirk First Nation is building four new units in Pelly Crossing.
- Champagne & Aishihik First Nations is building ten tiny homes in Haines Junction, one of which is an accessible unit; to be rented at the low end of market rent for single individuals and elders who need some support in their homes; to include construction training for First Nation citizens.
- Teslin Tlingit Council is building eight affordable units in Teslin, two of which are accessible units. This project will be used to increase the amount of housing available for Teslin Tlingit Council staff living and working in Teslin.
- Ramza Development Ltd is building 18 units in Whitehorse, including ten affordable units of which four barrier are free and eight are market rent units.

**\$3.835 million
Housing Initiatives Fund
2018–19**



What is the Housing Initiatives Fund?

The Housing Initiatives Fund provides capital grants for new affordable housing across Yukon. It can be used for new rental housing, or new rent-to-own housing, or new home ownership options. Eligible projects must include a minimum of four affordable units in Whitehorse or two affordable units in communities.

Innovative housing projects that include mixed market housing or co-housing are also encouraged. Projects may include a commercial component; however, any commercial portion of a project is not eligible for funding.

The Housing Initiatives Fund can be combined with other government programs.

- Carcross/Tagish First Nation is building four units in Carcross. The two- and three-bedroom units will increase the number of homes available to Carcross/Tagish citizens.
- 45358 Yukon and Maxavier Real Estate Ltd is building 12 units in Whitehorse. This project includes two barrier-free units and one -bedroom and three-bedroom units that will increase the housing available for families and low-income households.
- Klondike Development Organization is developing their second eight-plex building in Dawson City, anticipated to be completed in May 2019.
- Yukon Housing Corporation launched a Developer Build Loan Program and under this program is providing bridge financing for an affordable housing project in Whitehorse.



\$92 thousand toward rental units

Yukon Housing Corporation committed \$92,000 to help five Yukon homeowners repair existing or construct new rental units through the Rental/Secondary Suite Loan Program.

- Two existing Yukon Housing Corporation social housing units (one Mayo; one Watson Lake) and one existing staff unit (Mayo) are being converted from single family dwellings to duplexes to help prevent over-housing and add needed housing stock to those communities.
- Yukon Housing Corporation and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) partnering on a pilot project at Yukon College for construction of a tiny home. First Nation members are developing construction skills and are building a new transitional housing unit, to be located on CAFN land.



Pillar #3 Home Ownership

GOAL: Increase and diversify home ownership options.

- 360 Design is building seven affordable home ownership units, with funding from the Yukon Housing Corporation’s Housing Initiatives Fund.
- Habitat for Humanity completed their most recent build, which opened in January 2019, with ambitious plans for two four-plexes underway.



Over \$3 million toward home ownership

Yukon Housing Corporation has provided over \$3 million in loans to help 11 Yukon households into affordable home ownership through the First Mortgage and Down Payment Assistance Programs.



\$1.48 million committed to first time home builders

Yukon Housing Corporation has committed \$1.48 million to six first-time Yukon home owners to build their own homes through the Owner Build Program.

Safe at Home

Voices Influencing Change: Making a Difference!

Voices Influencing Change is a dedicated and passionate group, now 20 strong, inspired to say and do more in the name of eliminating homelessness, poverty, and other forms of social exclusion.

The proactive group was birthed from the need of people to participate in decisions that affect them – “nothing for us, without us”. This has evolved into a dynamic group that believes their voices need to be heard and equally included in meaningful ways. As a result, Voices Influencing Change are actively involved in using their lived experience to advocate for change by speaking and writing openly about their lives. The tight-knit group has bonded around shared experiences and are part of the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition’s mandate to facilitate the elimination of poverty through awareness, education, advocacy, community building and action.

The inspiring Voices Influencing Change network of peer support is eager to help others, and meets frequently to participate in making positive changes in our community. They have spoken with high school social justice students, as well as at local and national conferences and forums. They continue to participate as part of decision-making bodies where input of lived experience is valued and has impact.

They are sitting with elected officials, governmental policy-makers and other organizations involved in ending homelessness in Yukon.

The Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition has developed, with the help of people with lived experience, a leadership and advocacy training program for potential participants of Voices Influencing Change. The program was created to support participants who are ready to explore, understand and own their own life stories so they can be shared in impactful ways, as they advocate for positive change following graduation. During the intensive program, they learn to advocate for policy and system changes and to recognize the extensive knowledge they have to offer. Participants are empowered to gain opportunities in community engagement and to take part in decisions that affect them, yet too often exclude them. More information on Voices Influencing Change, as well as links to their stories, interviews and articles can be found on the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition’s website at www.yapc.ca.



Photo: Government of Yukon

Voices Influencing Change's lived experience is testimony to how important the need for safe, affordable housing is to a person's basic needs and well-being. Although progress has been made in Whitehorse in recent years, much more can and needs to be done in this extremely important area. The Whitehorse Point-In-Time Homeless Count on April 17, 2018 found that at least 195 vulnerable people at risk were homeless.

The Safe at Home Community-Based Action Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness is currently being reviewed by members of Voices Influencing Change and other key stakeholders, including the City of Whitehorse, Yukon Government, Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Voices Influencing Change has an integral role in the Safe at Home Community Action Forum in April, 2019. Their presence at the Forum will impact governmental policy makers and other organizations involved in helping reduce and prevent homelessness, and to move Safe at Home forward in a meaningful way.

Truly, this motivated group – that desires to have all people treated with dignity – is living up to its name: Voices Influencing Change!

Ulrike

Submitted by
Ulrike Wohlfarth Levins, 2018 Graduate
on behalf of Voices Influencing Change

**VOICES
INFLUENCING
CHANGE**



A Community-Based Action Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness

Safe at Home was built collaboratively by representatives of people with lived experience, the business community, members of the public, municipal, First Nations and territorial governments and service providers. It recognizes the complexities of solving homelessness. Most importantly, it recognizes the urgent need for action.

Our Vision

A compassionate community working together to end and prevent homelessness, where everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home and can readily access the supports they need, when needed. Ending and preventing homelessness is possible.

We will achieve our Vision by following **our Mission:** A community ending and preventing homelessness.

Steering Committee Members



Timeline*

April 2015

City of Whitehorse and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation held the Vulnerable People at Risk Forum

2016–2017

2 Co-Chairs, 19 person working group drafted the Safe at Home Plan

November 2017

Safe at Home: A Community-Based Action Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness adopted by City of Whitehorse, Government of Yukon, Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

Summer 2018

Safe at Home Implementation Manager hired

November 2018

Council of Yukon First Nations Leadership Resolution Safe at Home endorses the plan as a territory-wide tool to address homelessness in all of Yukon

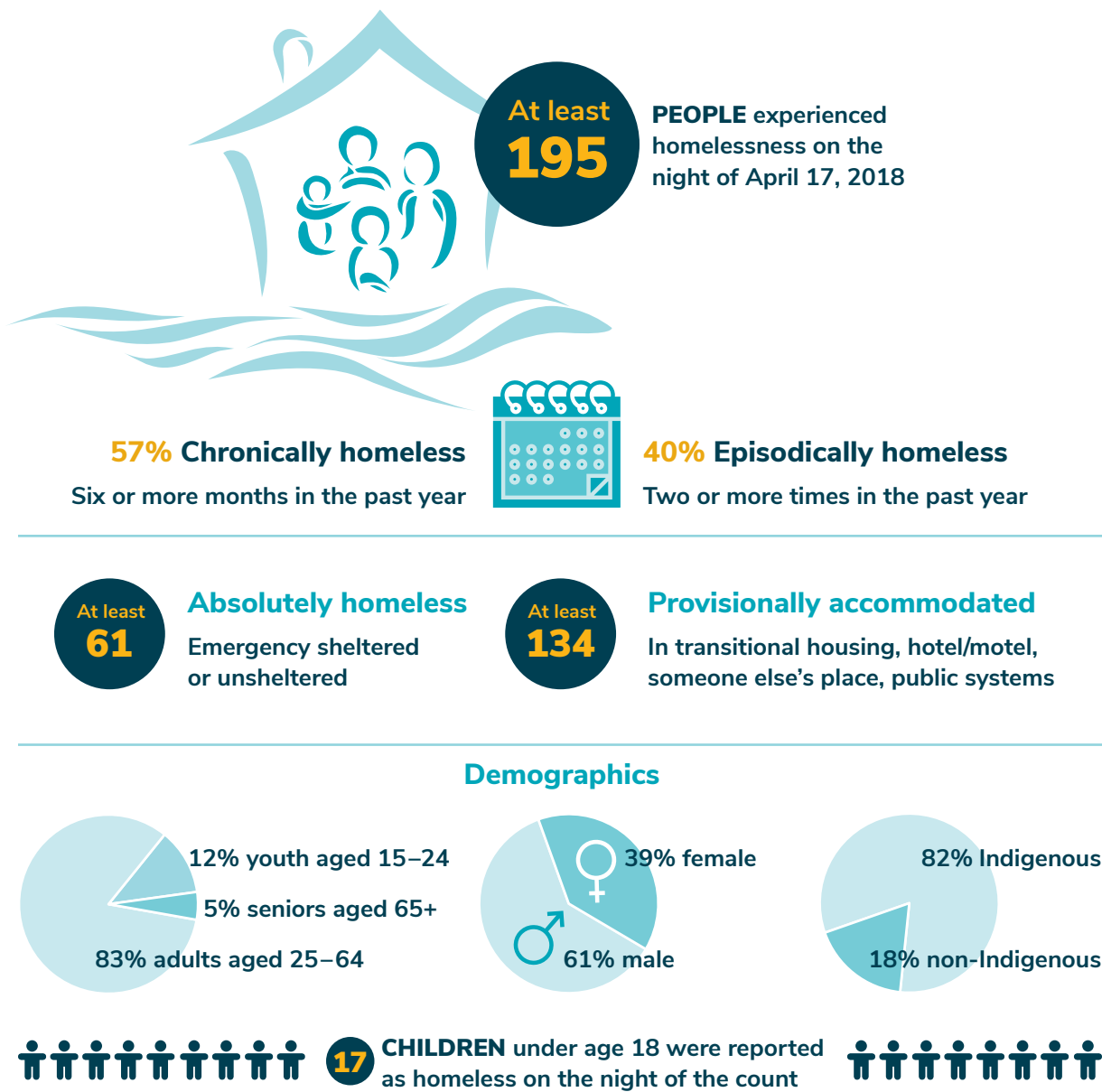
April 2019

Safe at Home Community Action Forum

*NOTE: Implementation of the key actions identified in Safe at Home are ongoing

Whitehorse Point-In-Time Count

For 24 hours, starting on April 17, 2018, the Yukon Planning Group on Homelessness and the Council of Yukon First Nations conducted the second Point-in-Time Count in Whitehorse. A Point-in-Time Count is a coordinated approach to gathering data in a community on a single night.



Highlights

Safe at Home is guided by a series of Principles that provide the foundation for five Strategic Priorities, each with a set of Goals, Key Actions, and Measures of Success.

- **Increasing the Supply of Safe, Stable and Affordable Housing Options**
- **Access to Housing and Programs and Services within a System of Care**
- **Strengthening Community Support and Engagement**
- **Preventing Homelessness**
- **Improving Data Collection and Evaluating Success of Systems**

The Safe at Home Plan is not for any one government or organization to implement alone. The Plan is a guide for coordinated courses of action, rooted in community values, personal and expert experiences, funding, and the best available research.

Landlords Working to End Homelessness Program (LWEH)

- Leading organizations actively housing and supporting marginalized Yukoners include: Blood Ties Four Directions Centre, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon, and Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre.
 - There are currently 12 LWEH units.
- Yukon government's Housing and Community Outreach Services has partnered with these NGO's and are currently offering after-hours crisis support to individuals living in LWEH units and other supported housing.

The 20,000 Homes Campaign communities housed 21,254 of Canada's most vulnerable people across the country between June 2015 and March 2018. In March 2019, the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) launched Built for Zero Canada.

- Whitehorse has been building a Coordinated Access System with the support of the CAEH and has housed vulnerable Yukoners as a part of this campaign since 2017.
- Built for Zero Canada is an ambitious national change effort helping a core group of leading communities end chronic homelessness – a first step on the path to eliminating all homelessness in Canada. Whitehorse is one of these leading communities.
- The Whitehorse team attached to Built for Zero intends to see an end to chronic homelessness in Whitehorse by March 31, 2020.
 - The local team includes representation from Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the NGO community, and Yukon government.

Between 2014 and 2019, seven organizations received homeless-specific funding to support individuals impacted by homelessness in Whitehorse and across Yukon.

An established Community Advisory Board approved the projects with oversight and administrative support coming from the Council of Yukon First Nations. Funding came from the Government of Canada's Department of Employment and Social Development.

- Blood Ties Four Directions Centre
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon
- The Salvation Army
- Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre
- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Men's Emergency Shelter
- Help & Hope for Families, Watson Lake
- Selkirk First Nation

Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Was a unique community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to 61 designated communities in all provinces and territories, including Yukon. It ended March 31, 2019 and has rolled in to a new program called Reaching Home.

Reaching Home

Supports the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by the fiscal year 2027–2028.

Partners of Safe at Home have been implementing training and learning opportunities for employees.

These opportunities have provided common knowledge base and language, increased cultural awareness, opportunities to network with other service providers, and are acts of reconciliation.

- All City of Whitehorse staff attended Yukon First Nations 101 (Yukon College) in 2018 and Mental Health Works training was completed by all City managers and supervisors.
- Yukon First Nations 101 and Lateral Kindness training is now mandatory for all Ta'an Kwäch'än Council staff.
- All staff at Grey Mountain Housing have attended Yukon First Nations 101.
- The Blanket Exercise or Yukon First Nations 101 is required training for all Yukon Housing Corporation staff.
- In collaboration with Skookum Jim Friendship Centre, Family & Children's Services funded training to staff at the Youth Shelter which includes: Crisis Prevention Intervention Training; First Aid/CPR; Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training; Mental Health First Aid; and Vicarious Trauma Training.

