

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services expands services with transfer of 263 housing units

February 23, 2018 (Hamilton, Ontario) - Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) will expand its provision of rental services through the transfer of 263 housing units to OAHS on April 3, 2018. These units will be transferred to OAHS from Urban Native Homes Incorporated (UNHI), an Indigenous non-profit housing provider in Hamilton. This transfer to OAHS was unanimously supported by the UNHI Board of Directors and the City of Hamilton. The proposed transfer received positive feedback from existing tenants during tenant engagement sessions held in December 2017.

“This transfer has been determined as the best long-term option to strengthen the provision of safe, affordable, and culturally-appropriate housing services for Indigenous tenants,” said Sylvia Maracle, Chair of OAHS. “We look forward to working with tenants in these units on a smooth transition of services.”

In anticipation of this transfer, OAHS assumed property management services for all units on February 15, 2018.

“We are looking forward to working with Hamilton’s Indigenous community to meet their housing needs, while supporting capacity building within the community through employment opportunities and the use of Indigenous labour and services,” added Maracle.

OAHS has been providing safe, affordable, and culturally-appropriate housing to Indigenous people living in urban and rural areas of Ontario for almost 25 years. OAHS also owns and administers more than 2,000 subsidized units across the province and has Regional Service Centres in Sault Ste. Marie, Dryden, Peterborough, and London.

About OAHS

Founded in 1994, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services provides safe and affordable housing to urban and rural First Nation, Inuit, and Métis people in Ontario. Our vision is to lead the design, development and delivery of a sustainable and culturally-appropriate continuum of housing. We are governed by representatives from three Indigenous organizations in Ontario – the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, Ontario Native Women’s Association, and the Métis Nation of Ontario. Learn more at ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca.

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