

I had written to Liane to update her on what Micheal had found out after meeting with the City reps:

Colton Kirsop and Rionel Comia
Citizen Services Dept.

I contacted Liane and asked for a meeting to see if she could suggest alternative land opportunities she may know about.

Meeting with Liane Dagenais (CMHC) June 14, 2021, 1:00pm-1:30pm (Paul, Michael, Liane)

Michael explained the issues we have been made aware of regarding City owned land and the change of policy within the administration.

Liane countered with the suggestion we look at the Federal Lands Initiative

- Feds provide land (army barracks, warehousing, air fields etc.) no longer in use for the development of affordable housing.
- two sites are available in Griesbach
- this is not a bidding process, land is provided based on an assessment of our ability to complete the project and the quality of the proposal to provide affordable housing.
- EPSG would need a partner who has demonstrated success in development of affordable housing.
- Right At Home and HomeEd have already been informed of these two land parcels.
- EPSG has a strong case. We have been told this before by CMHC. We are at the junction of two of CMHC's target groups: LGBTQ and the elderly.

Federal Lands Initiative application deadline is Sept 13th, 2021

- to begin the process we send an email to Liane. She will then send back confidentially forms to be signed and then send us a link to the governments website for the application. It's done on-line.

Here is the link to the

Federal Lands Initiative for Affordable Housing | CMHC ([cmhc-schl.gc.ca](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca))

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/federal-lands>

[Griesbach \(6440 Laubman Street NW\), Edmonton, Alberta](#)
[Land ID: AB-EDM-L002](#)

[Griesbach \(6409 Laubman Street NW\), Edmonton, Alberta](#)
[Land ID: AB-EDM-L003](#)

Liane also mentioned we could get money from CMHC for soft costs through the Seed Funding Program.

The link to the program is here

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/seed-funding>

Lastly, Liane also spoke to Crystal Kjenner at the City who mentioned that if we were partnered with a group who could establish that they successfully executed other construction programs in affordable housing we could most likely be successful in obtaining money from the City to help with the start up.

Submitted by

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