

PROJECT UPDATE – April 19, 2017

Wahta Mohawks Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment (CCHNA)

On Thursday April 13, we held the first community information meeting for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment. The meeting introduced the Project Team and the Project to the community.

Our second community meeting will be May 10. We will have two sessions, one at 4:30pm and one at 7:00pm to talk about the project and progress to date. **We will be holding a draw** for all attendees for three **Home Depot gift cards, valued at \$250, \$100 and \$50.** All you have to do is come to one of the sessions and fill out a ballot. The draw will be done at the end of the second session from all eligible ballots received.

This study is a key piece to planning for the future of our community...

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In addition to the community information session, a **community questionnaire** is currently available through the Housing Coordinator and the Administration Office, as well as at future community events. This questionnaire asks 5 quick questions that will help the Project Team frame the project big picture moving forward. **A major part of the project is identifying gaps and barriers** to the citizenship meeting their housing needs. What do we mean by gaps and barriers? Some **examples of barriers or gaps to housing** might include:

- As a single parent, I don't think I can afford a home.
- I don't own any land and I don't know how to access any for a new home.
- I have poor credit and don't think I can get a loan for a home on reserve.
- I don't think I can find a job that pays enough to own/ rent/ rent to own a home in the community.
- I'm worried about taking care of a home – how much money and work will it be once it's built?
- As a senior, I have concerns about mobility and am worried to live without assistance nearby.

An extremely important part of this study is identifying these gaps and barriers so that we can identify ways to address them. Only YOU can tell us what obstacles exist that you want to overcome. So please come out, or pick up a questionnaire at your convenience and let us know what is on your mind.

Questions about the project? Contact your Housing Coordinator, Matthew Commandant at (705) 762-2354

REMEMBER! MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING IS MAY 10 @ 4:30 pm or 7:00 pm @ the Wahta Administration Centre (Round Room).

Come out for your chance to win DOOR PRIZES OF GIFT CARDS FOR HOME DEPOT VALUED AT \$250, \$100 and \$50. Refreshments will also be served.