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Mr. Fern Dominelli  
CAO  
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
210 Mead Boulevard  
Espanola ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Dominelli:

**Re: National Housing Co-investment Fund  
Proposal Review Process and Timelines**

As you are aware, the National Housing Co-investment Fund is a federal program being implemented by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). CMHC and MMAH have agreed that the province will have the opportunity to review proposals submitted in Ontario. The final decision for approving and funding the project proposals under the program rests with the federal government.

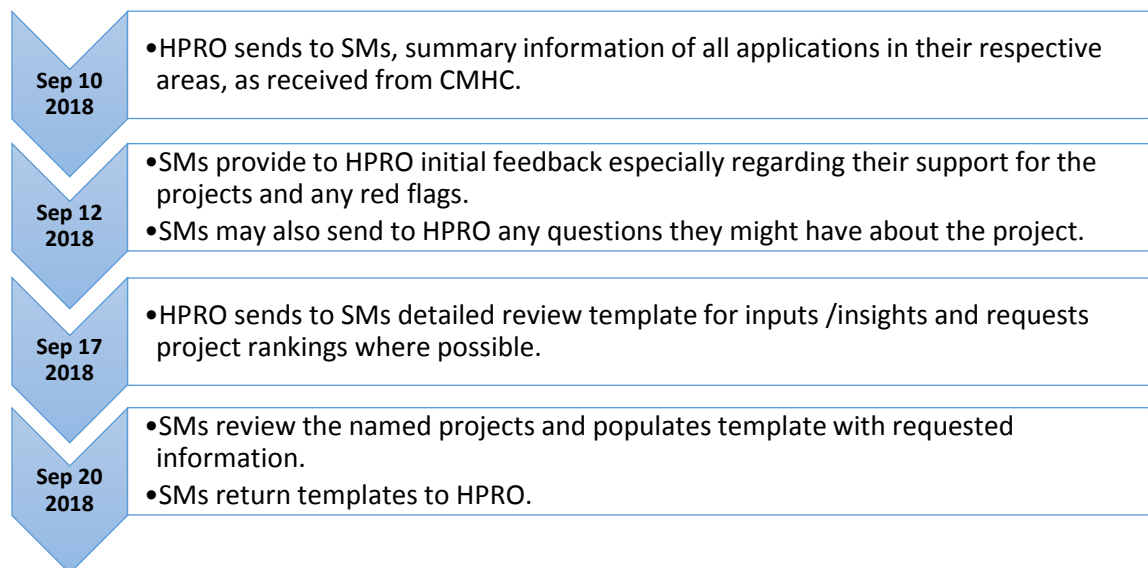
CMHC has been accepting applications under the program on a continuous basis since earlier this spring. They anticipate reviewing proposals every 60 days. Some of you were involved with the review of proposals pertaining to your regions received during the first intake period which closed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This review was conducted on an expedited basis, and we appreciate the quick turn-around provided by those who participated.

We have had an opportunity to discuss our initial experiences with CMHC and will be implementing changes in this round. We also anticipate further adjustments and refinement to the process as we all gain more experience with the program. I want to take this opportunity to advise you of the general process and timelines to be followed for this round.

The second intake period closed on August 31<sup>st</sup>. In general, after each intake period, CMHC anticipates taking two weeks to review and determine which proposals can be considered further, and will then share that detail with MMAH, providing the province (and Service Managers) two weeks to complete analysis and provide feedback to CMHC. In this case, the province's two-week window to review proposals would be September 17 - 28<sup>th</sup>.

As this provides very limited time for our collective review process, CMHC has agreed to provide the province with a summary of all proposals received from Ontario at the beginning of the CMHC review process. Subsequently, following the first 2 weeks of review, CMHC will confirm which proposals will move on for further evaluation.

The Housing Programs Branch (HPRO) will lead and coordinate the review activities on behalf of the province. To ensure a comprehensive review of proposals by concerned Service Managers within the given window of opportunity, the following are the proposed steps and their corresponding timelines.



I would like to reiterate that the National Housing Co-investment Fund is a federal government program and decisions regarding overall process, including timing, as well as selection of successful proposals are solely federal decisions. However, we appreciate your cooperation in providing local feed-back on how proposals respond to the housing needs of our communities. If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Brent Whitty, Manager, HPRO ( [Brent.Whitty@ontario.ca](mailto:Brent.Whitty@ontario.ca), Phone: 416-585-7172).

Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

Sincerely,

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