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MEMORANDUM

TO: Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators

FROM: Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division

RE: Notice of disclosure of administrative data on social and affordable housing structures to Statistics Canada and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

I am writing to provide information about upcoming activities supporting the National Housing Strategy.

Statistics Canada Data Sharing Agreement

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has received a Data Sharing Agreement from Statistics Canada for the sharing of administrative data on social and affordable housing structures. Statistics Canada has requested building-level data on social and affordable rental structures in Ontario (e.g., addresses, contact information for property managers) under section 13 of the *Statistics Act*, including the disclosure of this information to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) under section 17(2)(a) of the *Statistics Act*. The data is being requested of all provinces and territories on an annual basis for six years, which is the duration of the Agreement. The ministry will be providing this data to Statistics Canada upon finalization of the Agreement and will submit annual updates by November 1 of each year.

Section 13 of the *Statistics Act* authorizes the Chief Statistician or delegates to obtain any documents or records that are maintained in any department or municipal office, corporation, business or organization from which information is sought in respect of the objects of the Act.

Statistics Canada and the CMHC will use this information to support two national housing surveys: the Social and Affordable Housing Survey – Rental Structures (SAHS-RS) and the Canadian Housing Survey of households. The SAHS-RS will be conducted on an annual basis and the Canadian Housing Survey every two years.

The data gathered from these surveys will be used to inform shared understanding about housing need, housing conditions and related social, economic and environmental information at the provincial, territorial and national levels.

Next Steps

Starting in November 2018, CMHC will be reaching out to social housing providers, including Indigenous housing providers, and property managers of affordable housing projects to administer the SAHS-RS. Households living in social and affordable housing structures will be contacted to answer the Canadian Housing Survey. CMHC and Statistics Canada plan to release results of these surveys starting in Fall 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Marci Pernica, Manager, Research, Evaluation and Reporting Unit, Housing Policy Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at Marci.Pernica@ontario.ca.

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