

Governance and Policy - Planning

Strategies from on-reserve communities



Communities said it is exciting to have people return to live in homes and grow the community.

When communities do community planning, they look at where they are and where they want to be.

A good community plan and vision can guide and smooth the process of house building and upgrades.

Proactive planning is always better than reacting to emergencies.

Relationships are important. It takes so many people -- leadership, CMHC, ISC, banks, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, contractors, builders, inspectors, insurance, infrastructure -- to get even one new home in place. Good governance means working well and getting along so that everything happens in the right time.

In communities where the housing program is strong, there are often long-term staff members who understand their jobs and do it well.

When there is good capacity, leadership trusts and supports staff to do their job.

Understanding community data from the census (population) helps in planning. Funding formulas are often based on population.

Staff capacity is essential for good planning. They stay on top of all the details for housing maintenance and housing builds.

What is your good idea for housing planning? What is needed to help communities in housing planning?

