

ELECTION 2011: PLATFORM COMPARISON

CHRA key issues and where the parties stand.



Long-term strategy or approach for housing and homelessness

Would develop a National Affordable Housing Plan

Would work with partners to develop an Affordable Housing Framework (AHF) to reduce homelessness, renew existing stock and build new affordable housing

Would table legislation for "secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians"

New affordable housing

Would urge the federal government to use CMHC's surplus for new affordable, social and co-operative housing (\$2 billion per year, inclusive of new construction and renovation.

The National Affordable Housing Plan would provide money to community groups to build 20,000 new units per year for the next 10 years

Would extend the Affordable Housing Initiative for 2 years, until the Affordable Housing Framework is in place, with an increase of \$275 million annually for both this and the renovation programs (RRAP)

Would extend the Affordable Housing Initiative until 2015 with decreased funding of \$25 million annually

Renovation of existing affordable housing

Would urge the federal government to use CMHC's surplus for new affordable, social and co-operative housing (\$2 billion per year, inclusive of new construction and renovation.

The National Affordable Housing Plan would provide money to community groups to renovate 10,000 new units per year for the next 10 years

Would extend CMHC's renovation programs (RRAP) for 2 years, until the Affordable Housing Framework is in place, with an increase of \$275 million annually for both this and Affordable Housing Initiative

Would extend CMHC renovation programs (RRAP) until 2015 with increased funding of \$72 million annually

Social housing

Would urge the federal government to use CMHC's surplus for new affordable, social and co-operative housing (\$2 billion per year, inclusive of new construction and renovation.

Would increase investment in social housing

Would provide significant new funding for social housing



Homelessness

Would demand better funding in this area.

Reducing homelessness would be an objective of the Affordable Housing Framework

Energy efficiency and affordable housing

Would advocate that \$750 million be committed for a program focused on green energy

Would continue the Eco-Energy Retrofit program for one year, which would provide homeowners with grants of up to \$5000 per unit to offset the cost of energy efficiency upgrades

Would put in place targets so that all buildings are retrofitted to a high level of energy efficiency by 2025. Would develop a revolving fund for retrofits for homeowners. Would develop program to upgrade all low-income rental housing

Would introduce a Green Renovation Tax Credit, worth \$400 million annually, for the retrofit of 1 million homes by 2017

Would enact a permanent Eco-energy retrofit program. Would provide a home heating federal sales tax rebate worth \$700 million a year

Poverty

Would push for the federal government to transfer funds to provinces for poverty reduction

Would top up the Guaranteed Income Supplement to reduce poverty for seniors

Would meet Canada's commitments to end poverty

Would develop a Poverty Reduction Plan, of which the Affordable Housing Framework would be a part

Would table legislation that would set goals and targets for poverty reduction

Other

Would urge the federal government to support new housing for First Nations in Quebec

Would establish Social Impact Bonds to raise money for promising new community initiatives

Would appoint a Minister for Housing. Would advocate for the inclusion of a clause within the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which would state that everyone living in Canada is entitled to safe shelter or affordable housing

Would develop a Home Retrofit Program for the retrofitting of homes to accommodate senior family members in self-contained suites through forgivable loans for 50 per cent of the costs of a renovation up to \$35,000

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