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### **NOSDA SPEAKS OUT ON NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY**

The Northern Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) is making a variety of valuable contributions to the Federal Government on its proposed National Housing Strategy. “The National Housing Strategy needs to be for all Canadians including Northern Ontarians – not just for cities,” notes its Chairman, Iain Angus. The proposed vision of National Housing Strategy is that “All Canadians have access to housing that meets their needs and they can afford. Housing is the cornerstone of building sustainable, inclusive communities and a strong Canadian economy where we can prosper and thrive”.

Bill Bradica, NOSDA’s CAO Housing Lead states “Each NOSDA member, and all Service Managers across Ontario, have developed 10-year housing and homelessness plans that address specific local issues. Supporting these local plans through the new National Housing Strategy would be an effective way to build success”.

Chair Angus is more specific. “We offer a Ten Point Plan. We call on the Federal government to provide

1. Increased and sustained funding for new and existing housing units
2. Increased and sustained program funding to support housing providers
3. More flexibility in the provision of affordable housing options, including portable housing benefits that are linked to the individual and not the housing unit
4. The establishment of a distinct Indigenous housing plan, including culturally appropriate housing and supports, focusing on the unique needs and challenges faced by Canada’s Indigenous population
5. Inclusion of housing support funding to enable seniors with needs to age in place and individuals with mental health and addictions issues to receive the care and assistance they require
6. A system of eligibility for affordable housing and financial supports based on annual income tax reporting

7. Establish a national approach to a consistent rent-geared-to income program.
8. Insurance reform to protect those homeowners at risk of losing insurance coverage, leading to greater potential for homelessness
9. Support for a Canadian Housing Bank, to provide housing capital needs through private capital markets
10. Recognize the higher costs of building and renovation in Northern and rural communities – particularly in Northern Ontario

“Throughout the NOSDA membership there are many positive examples of programs and services that reflect these recommendations in housing programs and projects underway from Kenora to the Quebec border”, observes Angus. “We look forward to working with the Federal Government as it proceeds with rolling out its Housing Strategy”.

For the whole paper, visit: [www.nosda.net](http://www.nosda.net)

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The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) is an incorporated body that brings together Service Managers in Northern Ontario who are responsible for the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of community health and social services including housing and homelessness prevention. These services represent a significant portion of the social and community service infrastructure in all Northern Ontario communities, and account for a large share of the property taxes that municipalities dedicate to these services.