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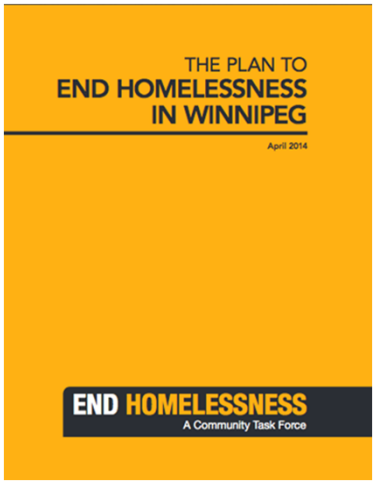
Report to the City of Winnipeg's Executive Policy Committee
October 17, 2023

What is End Homelessness Winnipeg?

- Indigenous-led and local non-profit
- Backbone support for Winnipeg's ***10-Year Plan to End Homelessness***
- ***Collective Impact*** organization with ***lived and living experience*** at the centre
- **All partners, including the three levels of government**, must work closely together to address homelessness in Winnipeg.
- Community Entity for ***Reaching Home***
- **NOT** a partisan advocacy group



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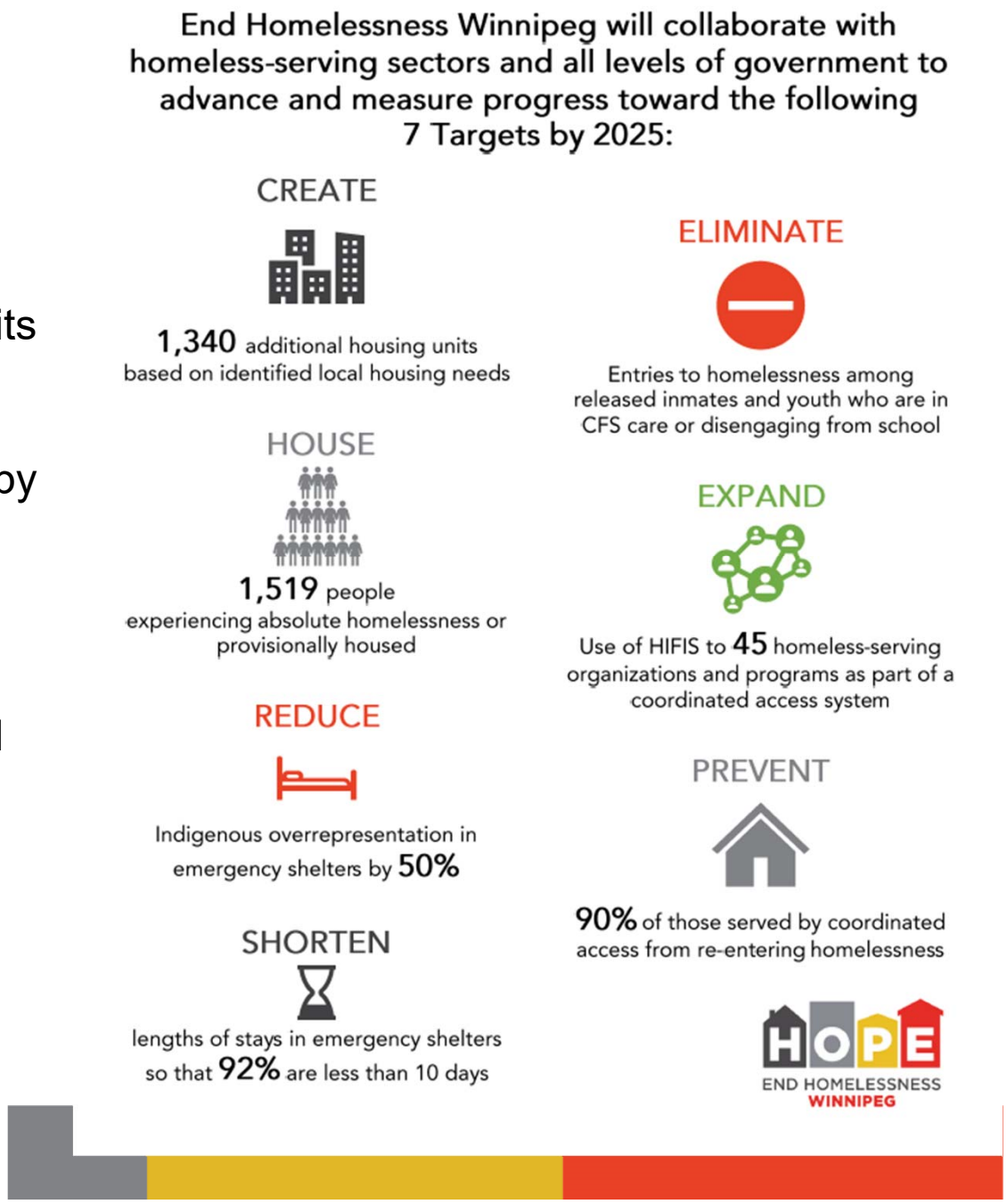
Progress on 7 Targets

- Winnipeg needs at least 339 additional non-market housing units by 2025
- 2,695 people have been housed since 2019, exceeding the target by 1,176
- Indigenous representation in shelters increased from 67.6% to 68.1% over the past year
- Length of shelter stays decreased slightly from 90.3% to 87.7%
- Entries to homelessness from institutions and systems fell from 212 in 2022 to 79 in 2023
- Exceeded the 2025 HIFIS onboarding target
- Coordinated Access launched in March 2022



Homelessness in Winnipeg

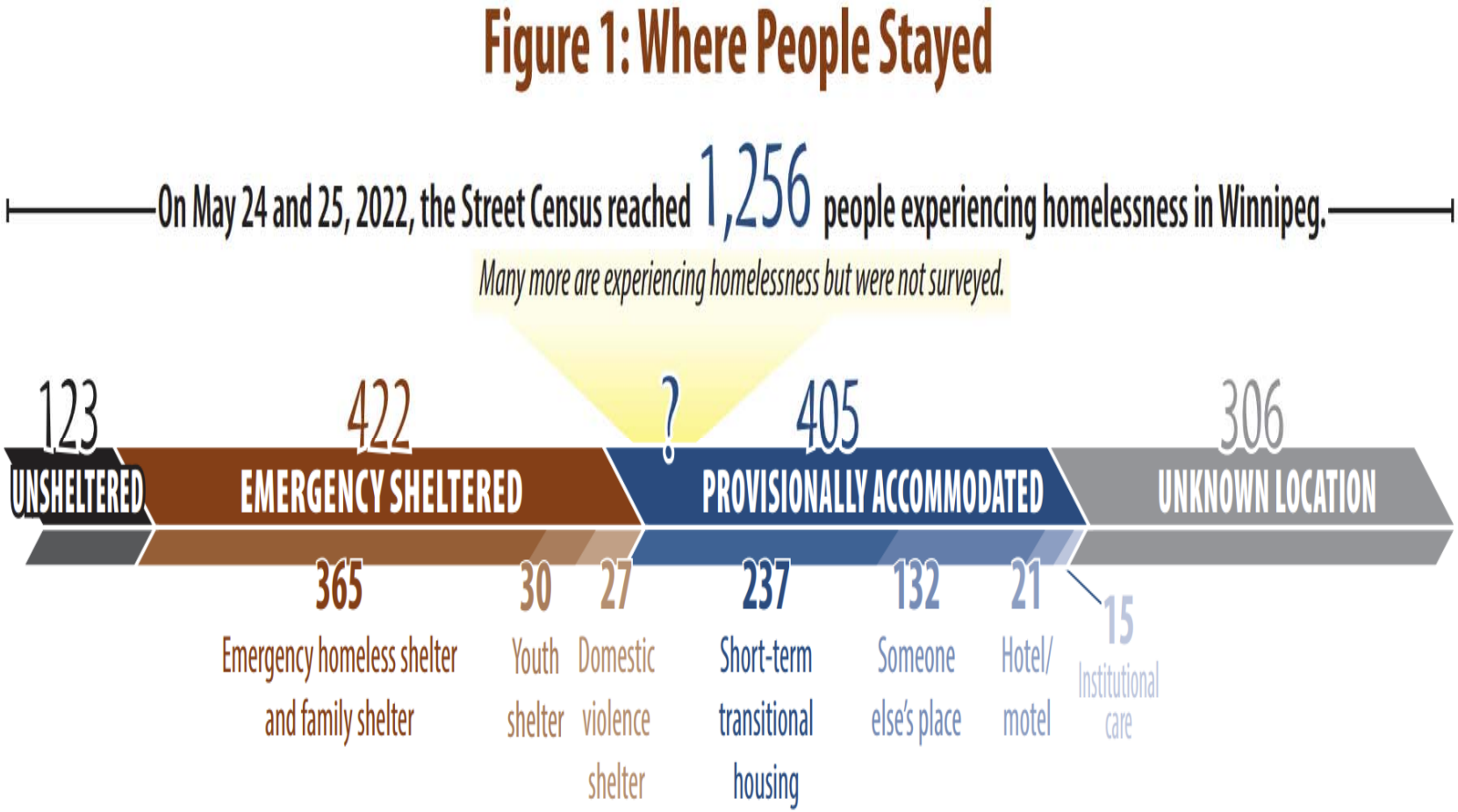


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Figure 3: Indigenous Status and Identities of People Experiencing Homelessness

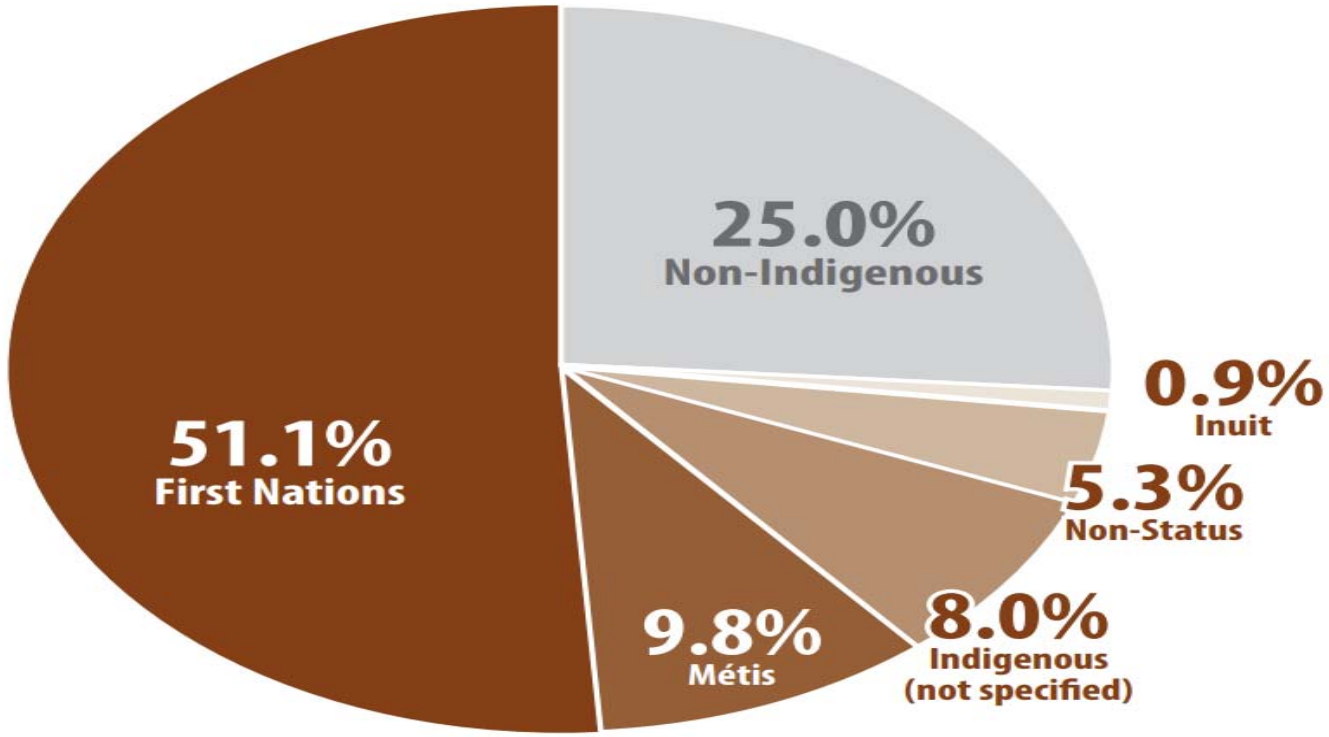

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Figure 7: Age Respondents First Experienced Homelessness

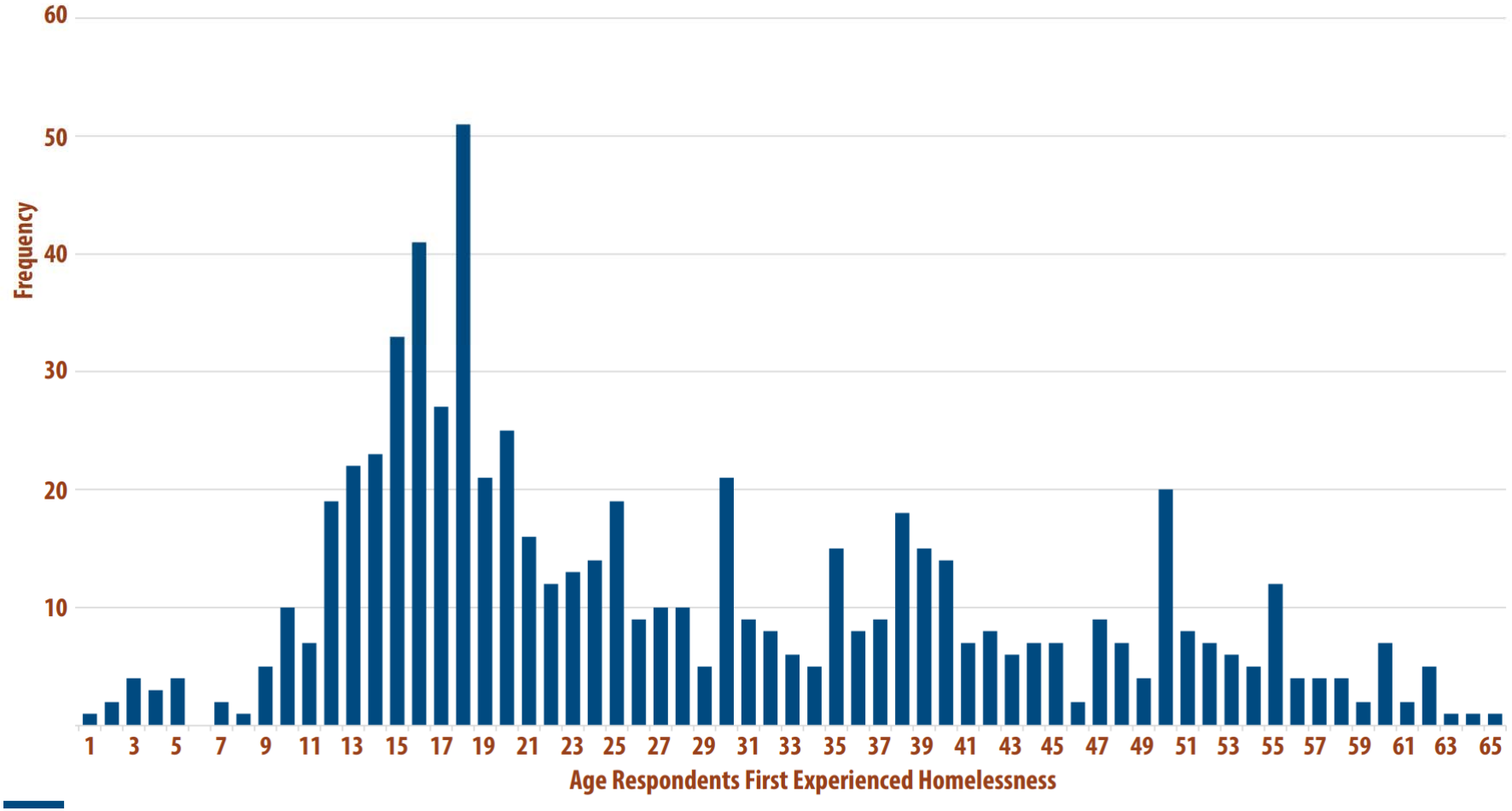

Table 5: Causes of Housing Loss (Most Recent Time)

	Frequency	Percentage
Not Enough Income for Housing	175	29.2 %
Mental Health Issue	38	6.3 %
Physical Health Issue	20	3.3 %
Substance Use Issue	110	18.3 %
Conflict with: Partner, Friend, Family, CFS, Other	153	25.5 %
Conflict with: Roommate, Landlord / Complaint / Building Sold, Renovation	104	17.3 %
Experienced Abuse by: Partner, Family	16	2.7 %
Experienced Discrimination / Intergenerational Effects of Residential School	9	1.5 %
Unsafe Housing	46	7.7 %
Incarceration	36	6.0 %
Left the Community / Relocated / My Choice / End of Lease	36	6.0 %
Pandemic	15	2.5 %
Hospitalization / Treatment Program	10	1.7 %

Homelessness Reduction/Prevention Initiatives in Winnipeg

- Canada MB Housing Benefit supports over 900 tenants
- Reaching Home invested over $18,000,000 in addressing chronic homelessness.
- Astum Api Niikinaahk, the Village Project, opened in fall 2022
- Partnering with Wahbung Abinoonjiiag and other organizations to develop a transitional house
- MMF completed a 20-unit permanent supportive housing unit
- Development of 300 low-income housing units by Southern Chiefs Organization





Collaboration with Partners

- In line with the Collective Impact Model, we work closely together with over 130 groups across multiple sectors
- Examples of collaborative efforts to address homelessness:
  - *In 2022, we collaborated with Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and 23 other partners to plan and implement Winnipeg's 4th Street Census*
  - *Last year, we collaborated with over 60 agencies to provide a wide range of services for those experiencing homelessness at Siloam Mission*
  - *Reaching Home funding decisions are approved by a Community Advisory Board*
  - *Coordinated Access Council has representation from the provincial and city governments, AMC, non-profits, WRHA, a Knowledge Keeper, lived experts, etc.*
  - *Over 60 partners sit on the Emergency Response Committee*
  - *Over 30 partners are involved in implementing Kíkinanaw Óma – A Strategy to Support Unsheltered Winnipeggers*

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Key Challenge Ahead

Housing

Type of Housing	New Units Needed by 2025
Transitional	-118
Social (RGI)	398
Supportive	-22
Private Below-Market Rental	81
Total	**339**

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City Council's Opportunities

- Partner with Indigenous governments and community to lobby the Provincial government for innovative financing models to rapidly build more housing
- Expedite approvals and waive fees for permits, zoning, and development of low-income housing
- Fast track the availability of city-owned land for low-income housing that is shovel-ready and affordable for non-profit organizations
- Expand the Housing Department and improve inter-departmental services for affordable housing projects

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Housing Provider	Project	# of Units	Housing Type	Estimated Date of Completion
Wahbung Abinoojiaag	**Watt Street Development**	**24**	**Transitional Housing**	**Fall 2024**
	Project Description: End Homelessness Winnipeg in partnership with Wahbung Abinoojiaag endeavoured to develop a transitional housing facility for women and children fleeing domestic violence or experiencing homelessness. The building contains 24-units and is located in the Elmwood/Chalmers neighbourhood. Units are primarily 3- and 4-bedroom to support larger families. 8 units will be accessible. Funding was made possible through a variety of sources, including RHI funding, Reaching Home, and the Province.			
Rainbow Resource Centre & Westminster Housing Society	**545 Broadway**	**21**	**Long-term Supportive**	**2024**
	Project Description: 545 Broadway provides affordable housing units geared to 2SLGBTQ seniors and is developed through a partnership between the Rainbow Resource Centre, West Broadway Community Organization, and Westminster Housing Society. The project contains 21-units and is located in the West Broadway neighbourhood. Support is provided by Reaching Home, CMHC, and the Province.			
Opaskwayak Cree Nation	**380 Young Street**	**69**	**Private Market Affordable**	**Summer 2024**
	Project Description: This property was acquired by Opaskwayak Cree Nation for the development of a 7-storey apartment building for affordable housing, which will includee 40 percent of the units set at deeply affordable rates. The project is intended to provide needed affordable rental units in a desirable neighbourhood. Several of these units will be reserved for First Nations students who have moved off reserve for post-secondary education. The project was supported through the National Housing Strategy, Efficiency Manitoba, and by Opaskwayak Cree Nation directly.			
Manitoba Metis Federation	**670 Main Street**	**20**	**Long-term Supportive**	**Complete**
	Project Description: The MMF completed construction on a 20 unit affordable housing project for Metis people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. 4 of the units are two-bedroom and primarily reserved for women and children feeling domestic violence, while the other 16 units are studios. Of those studio units, 6 are accessible. The project received RHI funding and was supported directly by the MMF.			
Manitoba Housing	**Various**	**97**	**Social Housing**	**Varying**
	Project Description: Manitoba Housing has been in the process of transferring ownership of social housing to private non-profit organizations. During the reporting time of 2019 - 2023, over 800 units appeared to be "lost" from the social housing inventory. This in fact was stock that was in the process of being transferred out of Manitoba Housing's direct control. These units are now under multi-year agreements with various non-profit groups throughout the city under multi-year agreements to provide a similar level of care and support. Manitoba Housing has also reported an increase of 97 new units since the beginning of Q1 2023 throughout the City.			
Southern Chiefs' Organization	**450 Portage Avenue**	**Approx. 300**	**Private Market Affordable**	**Fall 2025**
	Project Description: A landmark project for downtown Winnipeg, the development of the Hudson Bay Company by Southern Chiefs' Organization will result in a mixed-use development which will include almost 300 new affordable homes for First Nation families. Funding is provided by the Province and CMHC via the National Housing Co-Investment Fund.			

WINNIPEG STREET CENSUS 2022

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Findings from the Winnipeg Street Census 2022























