

CMHC'S HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND (HAF)

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Your municipality is being convinced by the federal government that there is a housing crisis, and to solve that crisis, they are encouraging (bribing) municipalities with the promise of easy money, as long as your municipality invokes a multitude of stipulations including revising residential zoning bylaws and signing on to the Federal Sustainable Development Act goals, Canada's enacted version of the UN's "non-binding" Sustainable Development Goals.

First off, I'd like to make note that I am not against high-density zoning in areas where it is appropriate and beneficial. I have lived in various cities across Canada and absolutely loved living in those higher density areas, but now that I live in a smaller & quieter, more relaxed city, I'd like to keep it that way, as would many of the citizens who live here. In addition, I want to retain its culture & sovereignty and prevent it from falling into the hands of international organizations who aren't looking out for our best interests.

I'm also not against helping lower income or homeless individuals who desperately need help and understanding as they navigate possibly the most difficult and challenging time of their lives.

I have become concerned over the last couple of years as I have seen many things happening in my city (Lloydminster, AB) which seemed random at the time and didn't make a lot of sense at first glance, but upon digging into them further, I have found that these things are happening in order for the city to obtain federal funding through the CMHC's Housing Accelerator Fund. I have also seen a very concerted effort by the city's administration and outside consultants to push our city into adopting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

WHAT HOUSING CRISIS?

Like every municipality across Canada, The City of Lloydminster claims the city has a housing crisis, even though the population hasn't changed in over 10 years. And even though it does have a mental health & addictions problem which has led to an increase in the homeless population, it has nothing to do with housing.

The City of Lloydminster is justifying applying for funding through sources like the Housing Accelerator Fund by padding reports like their recently produced Housing Needs Assessment with an exceptional amount of verbiage claiming the urgency for providing housing to homeless

and financially challenged populations within the city while, at the same time, refusing to acknowledge that the city actually has an excess number of vacant housing. As well, the majority of people who were sought out to provide input for the Housing Needs Assessment report were people who are currently experiencing a housing crisis, not the majority of people who are actually getting by.

FUNDING SOURCES

Federal Funding Sources are being used to entice Municipalities to implement various Liberal & international organizations' agendas including the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, the World Economic Forum's ESG & DEI initiatives as well as Climate Change initiatives. Some examples include (but not limited to):

1. CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund:

CMHC Funding Options, including the Housing Accelerator Fund:

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs>

HAF application requirements include a revised **Municipal Development Plan**, revised **Land Use Bylaws** and a recent **Housing Needs Assessment**.

Municipal Development Plans & Land Use Bylaws need to follow the guidelines as per the HAF Application Guide as per Section 6, Minimum Requirements.

<https://assets.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/sites/cmhc/professional/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/housing-accelerator-fund/haf-pre-application-reference-guide-en.pdf>

The link below includes two very informative webinars explaining what your municipality needs to implement in order to apply for HAF funding:

1. **CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund Key Elements**
2. **Preparing your municipal application for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)**

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/housing-accelerator-fund/housing-accelerator-fund-large-urban>

Here's the application guidelines for funding from the CMHC's Housing Accelerator Fund. Section 6 talks about minimum requirements for Municipalities to be eligible for funding and Section 7 goes into the Action Plan which explains what municipalities need to implement starting on page 5 which speaks about high-density housing requirements among others.

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All applicants will be scored based on Section 9, Evaluation Criteria.
Some requirements include:

- Reduced zoning restrictions for High Density Residential
- Reduced zoning restrictions for single family residential neighborhoods allowing for multi-unit housing on single family home lots.
- Combine Commercial & Residential zones in certain areas
- Reduce parking in new residential neighborhoods
- Implement SMART technologies
- Implement ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) & DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) policies.

2. FCM's Green Municipal Fund:

The Green Municipal Fund is another source of federal funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with direct ties to ICLEI (whose goal is to “help” municipalities implement the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals)
<https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/funding>

ICLEI

To add some context, I think it’s relevant to discuss a little about ICLEI.

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability (formerly the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives)

How is ICLEI connected?

ICLEI is the “local” consultant designated by the UN & the federal government to help municipalities implement global environmental initiatives.

ICLEI Website:

<https://icleicanada.org/>

Some ICLEI partners:

- Partners for Climate Protection (PCP)
Also see Maggie Braun's research on PCP on Gather2030.substack.com
<https://www.pcp-ppc.ca/>
- FCM (The Federation for Canadian Municipalities)
<https://fcm.ca/en>

Behind the Green mask: Agenda 21, Rosa Koire

<https://archive.org/details/behind-the-green-mask-u.-n.-agenda-21/page/n17/mode/2up>

In the book, Behind the Green Mask; Agenda 21, Rose Koire discusses her research into ICLEI and how they have infiltrated municipalities in the US and are directly related to the UN's Agenda 21, now Agenda 2030. She dives into how increased landowner restrictions are directly related to ICLEI and are being pushed by the United Nations to essentially steal people's land. A connection can be made that ICLEI & the UN are directly related to municipalities implementing unreasonable & restrictive Land Use Bylaw updates and revisions that are currently taking place across Canada.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CALGARY?

Calgary City Council is currently experiencing a public backlash as it attempts to pass a motion to allow for blanket residential rezoning across the city.

Here's a few websites from Calgary that speak about the pros & cons of blanket rezoning (ok, mostly all cons;))

<https://www.communitiesmatter.info/>

<https://noblanketrezoningyyc.com/>

<https://stopblanketrezoning.ca/>

Confirmation this is about money:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-housing-city-funding-ottawa-1.6967212>

WHY I AM SHARING THIS & WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

I am convinced that the things I am seeing in my own community are happening in every municipality across Canada and I want to help people see how it is also being implemented in their councils. Being aware of their plan and knowing how they intend on implementing it are the first steps in stopping it. We need to educate as many people as possible about what to look for.

The first thing to do is to determine whether your municipality is indeed heading down this path of signing on to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the Climate Change narrative. Some signs could include recently updated (from scratch) Municipal Development Plans and Land Use Bylaws with SDG terminology and references, increased implementation of woke terminology and policies using terms like "Inclusive, Equitable, Diversity, etc.", declaring "Climate Change" emergencies and an increasing urgency from administration to convince your council that they need to take immediate action to address "Climate Change", which may include encouraging them to sign on to organizations like the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP).

Also, take notice if your municipality has commissioned a Housing Needs Assessment.

Next, you need to organize your local groups to start asking relevant questions to your council to get them to either admit they are doing as you are suggesting, or to prove that they have absolutely no clue where all of this is leading. Either outcome should involve your group organizing to replace these members of your council come election time with people who are knowledgeable on the agenda and are brave enough to stand up in the face of extreme pressure from administration and other council members as well as members of the community who don't understand what's really going on.

Finally, if you have allies on your local council or are successful in getting some good people elected, you will need to support them in preventing further ties to international organizations and rescinding any motions that got them into this mess to begin with. You will also need to educate the local population on what was really happening and what you and your group are doing about it.

These are just a few thoughts to get you thinking about what to look for in your municipality.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

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