

# Fort William First Nation Housing Department

The Fort William First Nation Housing Department is responsible for managing and supporting housing across the community, including rentals, homeownership, maintenance, and future housing developments.

# The Housing Team

## Housing Manager

Oversees all housing operations, staff, policies, budgets, and compliance, while ensuring fair, transparent housing services and timely reporting to leadership and Council.

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## Housing Maintenance Supervisor

Coordinates maintenance operations, supervises maintenance staff, manages contractors, and ensures inspections, safety compliance, and timely repair response.

Randy Penassi - [RandyPenassi@fwfn.com](mailto:RandyPenassi@fwfn.com)

## Housing Coordinator

Manages tenant relations, applications, documentation, arrears processes, and day-to-day housing administration, serving as the main point of contact for members.

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## Housing Maintenance Worker

Completes daily maintenance, repairs, inspections, and safety checks, while accurately documenting work and supporting the upkeep of community housing.

Brennen Anderson - [BrennenAnderson@fwfn.com](mailto:BrennenAnderson@fwfn.com)

## Our department oversees:

- Rental housing
- Homeownership and mortgages
- Repair and maintenance programs
- New builds and housing development
- In-house maintenance operations
- Housing-related funding and partnerships

The Housing Department is committed to serving the Fort William First Nation community with transparency, care, and accountability.

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# Repair and Maintenance

This program helps members remain safely housed by addressing:

- Emergency repairs
- Health-related issues
- Minor home repairs
- Aging-in-place needs
- Preventative maintenance

Early repairs reduce long-term costs and improve quality of life.



**To receive repair and maintenance assistance the R&M form needs to be completed in full, with 2 quotes for the work that is requested.**

**Submit the application and quotes to housing and we will contact you regarding the process and next steps.**

# Rental Units - How To Apply

To apply for an FWFN rental unit, members must complete a **Rental Housing Application** on the FWFN website.

Applicants are encouraged to submit **supporting documents**, as additional information helps Housing better assess needs and prioritize applications.

## Application review notes:

- Applications are reviewed as units become available
- Approval does not guarantee immediate placement
- Applicants must remain in good standing with FWFN
- Incomplete applications may delay review
- Applicants are responsible for keeping their information up to date.



# New Builds & Development

To address housing demand, the Housing department works on:

- New home construction
- Multi-unit developments
- Renovations and redevelopments
- Long-term housing planning

New Development helps grow housing stock and support future generations



# Mortgages

We support members pursuing On Reserve homeownership through:

- Mortgage applications and processes
- Home Purchases
- New build and renovations
- Guidance on eligible housing costs
- Mortgage compliance and reporting

Clear processes help ensure fairness, accountability, and long-term success.



# Our Maintenance Team

FWFN has an in-house maintenance team that provides:

- Timely response to repairs for rental units and on reserve homeowners
- 24/7 Emergency call-outs for on and off reserve members
- Preventative maintenance support
- Support across all housing programs

Having an internal team improves response times and reduces reliance on external contractors.

During business hours - 807-623-9543

After Hours On-Call - 807-633-3959



# Funding Resources

The Housing Department is supported through multiple funding streams, including:

- Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
- Capital and renovation funding
- Emergency repair funding

We work to maximize funding and submit proposals on an ongoing basis

Please note that funding can be limited and we don't always receive it, but we work hard to get it.



# Looking Ahead

Future housing priorities include:

- Expanding rental units
- Elders and assisted living housing
- Sustainable building designs
- Infrastructure improvements
- Long-term housing strategy development

We're always looking for feedback on community wants and needs and would love to hear from you!



# Link To Housing Resources

For our forms and more information please visit our website or Facebook page!

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to any of us!

Check out Our Website at  
[www.fwfn.com](http://www.fwfn.com)

Check Out our Facebook page!  
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