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**From:** Exec. Assistant on behalf of Dan Rude <EA\_DRude@auma.ca>  
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**To:** CAO  
**Subject:** Municipal Tools to Support Affordable Housing Workshop

Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

AUMA is pleased to pass along information from The Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association (ASCHA) for a workshop they are hosting called Municipal Tools to Support Affordable Housing. This workshop should be a great resource to members and we would like to make sure that all communities have the knowledge and ability to fully benefit from the funding opportunities of the National Housing Strategy, including the soon-to-be-launched [Getting Started round of the Housing Supply Challenge](#).

The description of the ASCHA workshop, along with the dates and registration links are below:

**Dates:**

**South Region** – May 11, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(South Region is classified from Calgary to the US Border)  
[Registration Link](#)

**Central Region** – May 12, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Central Region is classified from Airdrie to Leduc)  
[Registration Link](#)

**North Region** – May 13, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(North Region is classified from Edmonton to the NWT Border)  
[Registration link](#)

**Presenters:**

Sandie Price and Dianne Himbeault from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

**Description:**

This workshop will highlight Federal government initiatives, research, and successful affordable housing projects across the country, and would be of interest to municipalities and both non-profit and private sector entities who work with communities in the development of affordable housing and housing plans.

Key Components:

1. ***Overview of National Housing Strategy (NHS)***
  - Information regarding programs available to non-profit housing providers, municipalities, First Nations, and the private sector, including NHS goals for partnerships, social inclusion, and sustainability.
  - The presentation will also highlight projects that have benefitted from the NHS from municipalities of various sizes.
2. ***Municipal Tools for Affordable Housing***

- Examples from across the country will demonstrate various tools municipalities have used to encourage the development of affordable housing in their communities and how these tools can compliment NHS programs including:
  - **Policy Tools:** beginning with statutory community plans and the development of housing strategies integrated with municipal policies for effective results;
  - **Financial Tools:** looking at a range of examples where municipalities are directly involved in the financial support of affordable housing to where municipalities offer other incentives that encourage supply in the sector;
  - **Regulatory Tools:** including examples of the removal of barriers to housing supply, regulatory incentives, as well as by-laws and actions that protect existing affordable housing.

### 3. *Housing Supply Challenge*

- **Getting Started Round:**
  - We are challenging people in Canada to create implementable, local solutions that improve the development of housing that is affordable.
  - Many barriers stand in the way of developing housing that is affordable. These challenges are diverse and span the development process from idea to shovel.
  - This round invites participants from across Canada to submit locally relevant solutions that improve development of housing that is affordable in their own communities.
  - More information regarding process and available funds will be included once round is launched (imminent)

You may contact [ascha@ascha.com](mailto:ascha@ascha.com) if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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