

K'ASHO GOT'INE HOUSING SOCIETY



FROM THE PRESIDENT, EDWIN ERUTSE

While it has been a complicated year all over the world, here at the K'asho Got'ine Housing Society (KGHS) we have made tremendous progress in our journey to supporting responsible housing and addressing the housing needs of the residents of Rádeyılı Kó. I wanted to provide an update on our activities through this newsletter.

One way I know we are doing a good job is in the feedback I get from community members. Our crew is being recognized for quality work that is really needed. I am proud of our progress, both at the community level and the opportunities we have been able to advance with various levels of government. We continue to try to find the balance of growing at a rate we can sustain while delivering good projects and programs. I look forward to our next steps in advancing our housing priorities.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM WANDA GRANDJAMBE

Wanda Grandjambe joined the team this summer as a Project Coordinator. She is focused on our project work and learning the ropes of the financial and administrative systems at KGHS. Her first priority is getting members registered for our house assessment program. Please stop by the Ne'Rachten Development Ltd. office to discuss registering. We are so excited to have Wanda working with us.

INDIGENOUS HOMES INNOVATION INITIATIVE

KGHS was one of 24 applicants to be selected for the Accelerator phase of the Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative – we were the only project from the NWT chosen out of 324 applicants across Canada. This project has three parts:

- Constructing new building/s for gradual home ownership
- Developing a repair and maintenance program for existing homes
- Establishing a stock of building supplies for sale

The activities completed in the Accelerator phase will focus on feasibility of the project and building sustainable programs that can be delivered for the long run. The final step of this phase is to apply for funding for a future construction phase in 2021.

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PILOT

KGHS has just started discussions with the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTCHC) about taking on the maintenance program currently delivered by NWTCHC for privately owned homes in Rádeyílí Kó. We are looking at slowly taking on the delivery of the program over the next year. This is an important opportunity as we may be able to access ongoing funding for maintenance and repairs, ultimately taking us one step closer to being self-sufficient for our housing. **Thank you to the NWTCHC for the collaboration on this pilot.**

I believe in self-sufficiency; that is the way we were raised.” – Edwin Erutse

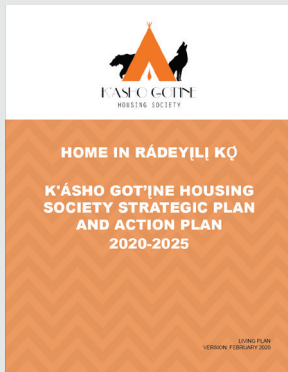
KÁDÚYÍLE TRANSITION HOME - HOW IT'S PROGRESSING

RECONNECT AND REBUILD TO A STRONGER YOU



The Kádúyíle Transition Home will house and provide integrated support services for up to four men. The home has been renovated and had energy efficiency upgrades, including a new furnace and windows. We have secured funding to operate it for three years. The next step is to hire a Transition Home Coordinator and Housing Mentors from our community. Once the new staff are in place, the Kádúyíle Transition Home will be ready to welcome its first residents.

ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN



One of KGHS' biggest successes over the last year is that we have adopted a five-year Strategic Plan – Home in Rádeyílí Kó: K'asho Got'ine Housing Society Strategic Plan and Action Plan 2020-2025. We spent two years developing plan, talking with community members, and seeking guidance from our leaders and experts. Thank you to the residents of Rádeyílí Kó, the KGHS Board of Directors, the KGHS and NDL staff, our Interagency Committee, the K'asho Got'ine Chief and Council, the GNWT and Canada, and PlanIt North.

The Strategic Plan presents our vision and pathway to achieve it. We are guided by a future where, with

partners, K'asho Got'ine Housing Society has addressed the most urgent housing needs in Rádeyílí Kó, relieving immediate pressures in the community, inspiring hope and building momentum for change. A network of emergency shelter and transition homes provide immediate support for residents in crisis, with programming that facilitates them to attain greater independence over time. Community members can access low-interest loans and materials to repair and maintain homes. Twenty new living spaces have been created, housing up to forty-four individuals through a mix of group homes, and units for rental and ownership.

OUR CURRENT FOCUS

The KGHS Board of Directors and the K'asho Got'ine Chief and Council are working together to plan for the ongoing governance of the housing society. In a first step, we passed a series of resolutions in August to move the operations of the Transition Home to the K'asho Got'ine Band. We want to ensure that housing is guided by your government for long term success.

