

April 12, 2024

Honourable Jason Nixon
Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services
404 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6



Dear Minister Nixon,

RE: ASCHA Resolution 1 – 2024 Capital Maintenance

I am writing to share *ASCHA Resolution 1 – 2024 Capital Maintenance* with you and your Ministry. This resolution was approved by our membership at our 2024 Annual General Meeting held on March 12, 2024.

Capital Maintenance support is one of the highest priorities to housing organizations that provide subsidized housing for Albertans. We were so pleased to see that your government took steps to begin addressing this in Budget 2024, and appreciate your strong advocacy to Treasury.

While the government acknowledged the need to maintain Alberta's subsidized housing stock so that our members can continue to offer homes that support dignity and security, a year-over-year plan is still needed. Our sector cannot depend on annual budget allocations that don't always align with the priorities or the realities of their situation. We need predictable mechanisms in place to plan for repairs and maintenance, and schedule work proactively for our teams and contractors.

New investments and predictable capital maintenance funding will ensure sustainability, effective management of Alberta Social Housing Corporation assets, and ensure that existing stock remains in our housing inventory. This is the only way we can meet the targets set by the Province's Affordable Housing Strategy and meet crucial national benchmarks.

I know we have previously sent a request to meet, as part of my introduction as the new ASCHA President, but hope to discuss this member resolution as well. Please reach out to Irene and her team at irene@ascha.com or at 780.439.6473 to find a time that would work best for everyone's schedule.

We have attached the resolution for your review and look forward to a timely conversation soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Nibourg', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

James Nibourg, ASCHA President

CC: Melodie Stol, Vice-President, Central Region; Nancy Simmonds, Vice-President North;
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