



Harnessing Big Challenges: Addressing Energy Poverty, Housing Crisis and Retrofit Gap in Municipal Planning

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Land Acknowledgement

I want to acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the Wolastoqiyik people. This land, shaped by the Wolastoq River, has been home to generations who have cared for it with deep respect. Today, as we meet here, let us commit to understanding and supporting Indigenous Peoples' rights and responsibilities to this territory. May this acknowledgment inspire us to act in ways that honor their traditions and contributions.





Workshop Agenda

10:45-10:50

Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:50-11:00

Anchor Activity

11:00-11:35

Panel Conversation

11:35-11:40

Personal Reflection

11:40-11:55

Questions for Panelists

11:55-12:00

Closing Remarks + Call to action

GMF Funding Sectors



Energy



Transportation



Waste



Water



Land Use

Energy initiatives



Community Efficiency Financing (CEF)

Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR)

Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH)



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Why are you here for this workshop and what do you hope to get out of it?

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What unique skills do you bring to the table? What unique roles do you tend to take on during projects?

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Panelists



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Regional Energy Coach,
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Jessica Brown
Senior Advisor - Programs and
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Division, Province of PEI



Abhi Kantamneni
Director, Action Research,
Efficiency Canada

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Take five minutes to reflect on what you've heard.

Discuss any thoughts, feelings with others at your table.

Please submit any questions you have for our panelists.

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After participating in this workshop, what are three actionable steps you will commit to taking in the next week, month, year?

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Learn more

Building on the learning today, here are a few resources for you

[Read our Sustainable affordable housing toolkit!](#)

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START HERE
Connect with GMF Outreach

The flowchart steps are:

- Connect with GMF Outreach
- Complete a set of simple questions to determine eligibility
- Fill out a simple pre-application form and a project summary
- Complete an application form, workbook and submit additional required documents
- Determine the eligibility of the organization and the project
- Review the application
- Review project financial viability and verify that all project financials align
- Make a final decision on the project funding

ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURE (ECM) PROCESS
For more detailed information, please refer to the [Sustainable Affordable Housing Application Guide](#).

The ECM process is divided into three phases:

- PLANNING PHASE FUNDING**
 - 1 IDENTIFYING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES
 - 2 DEFINING GOALS & OBJECTIVES
 - 3 BUILDING A TEAM
- STUDY PHASE FUNDING**
 - 4 DEVELOPING AN ACTION PLAN
 - 5 CONDUCTING A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY
- CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING**
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[See the City of Hamilton's Case Study on raising the bar on community housing retrofits](#)

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Case study: Raising the bar on community housing retrofits

Affordable housing project generates valuable lessons

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All slide decks and links are available to participants at bit.ly/scc-learning

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