



MIZIWE BIIK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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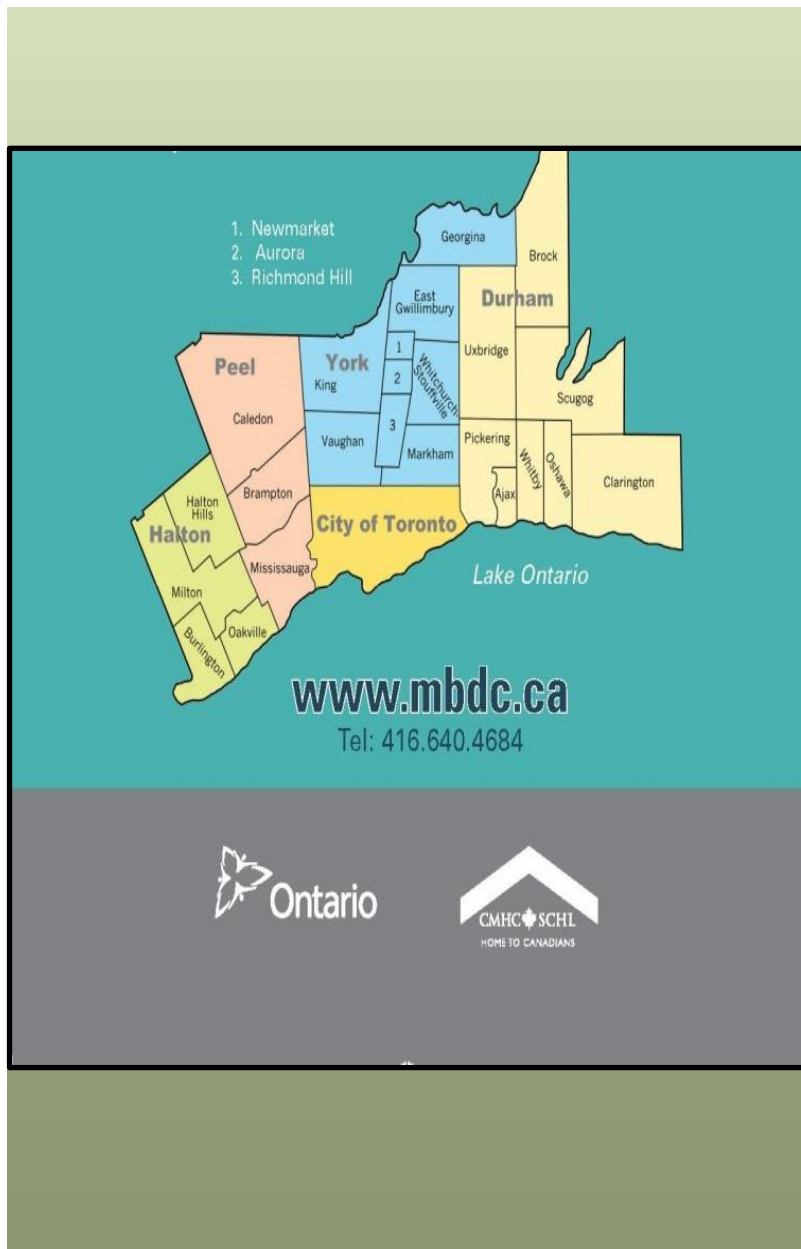
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MIZIWE BIIK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Our Vision

To strengthen our Indigenous community by providing opportunities that enable economic advancement in an environment supportive of Indigenous culture and identity



Background

- ❖ In Ontario today, safe affordable housing is in short supply. This problem is especially true for the Indigenous community in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
- ❖ In Toronto, although the Indigenous population is less than 2%, Indigenous persons make up more than 16% of the homeless population.
- ❖ In Peel Region, Indigenous households in Core Household Need (CHN) exceeds 17% compared to an Indigenous population of approx. 1%.
- ❖ Miziwe Biik has been providing services to the Indigenous community in the GTA since 1989, initially as Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training (MBAET).
- ❖ In 2009, MBAET expanded to create Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC) to provide much needed affordable housing services to our community.



Background (cont'd)

- ❖ In June 2007, the Ontario Government announced the establishment of an Aboriginal Housing Trust Fund with funding of \$80.2 million over 3-years.
- ❖ Following this announcement, the Government undertook extensive province-wide consultations with the Indigenous community on the use of these funds, allocation model, program delivery etc.
- ❖ Consultations were also undertaken by the Indigenous Community in Ontario. MBAET, in partnership with other Indigenous groups, undertook an extensive consultation process to determine how best to utilize funds for the off-reserve Indigenous community in the GTA.
- ❖ Based on this consultation, MBDC was established to deliver the off-reserve Aboriginal Housing Trust (AHT) Program in the GTA.



Background (cont'd)

- ❖ MBDC serves as a pioneer for the economic advancement and self-sufficiency of the Indigenous community in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

- ❖ MBDC provides affordable housing opportunities that improve the quality of life for the members of the GTA Indigenous community

- ❖ In the past decade, MBDC in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), GTA Municipalities and the local Indigenous community has enabled the creation of more than **950 Affordable Housing Units** in the GTA including **220 Rental Units**, **120 Homeownership units** and **629 Rent Supplement Units**.

- ❖ **Clients served by MBDC funded projects are primarily the working poor, persons precariously housed and homeless persons.**

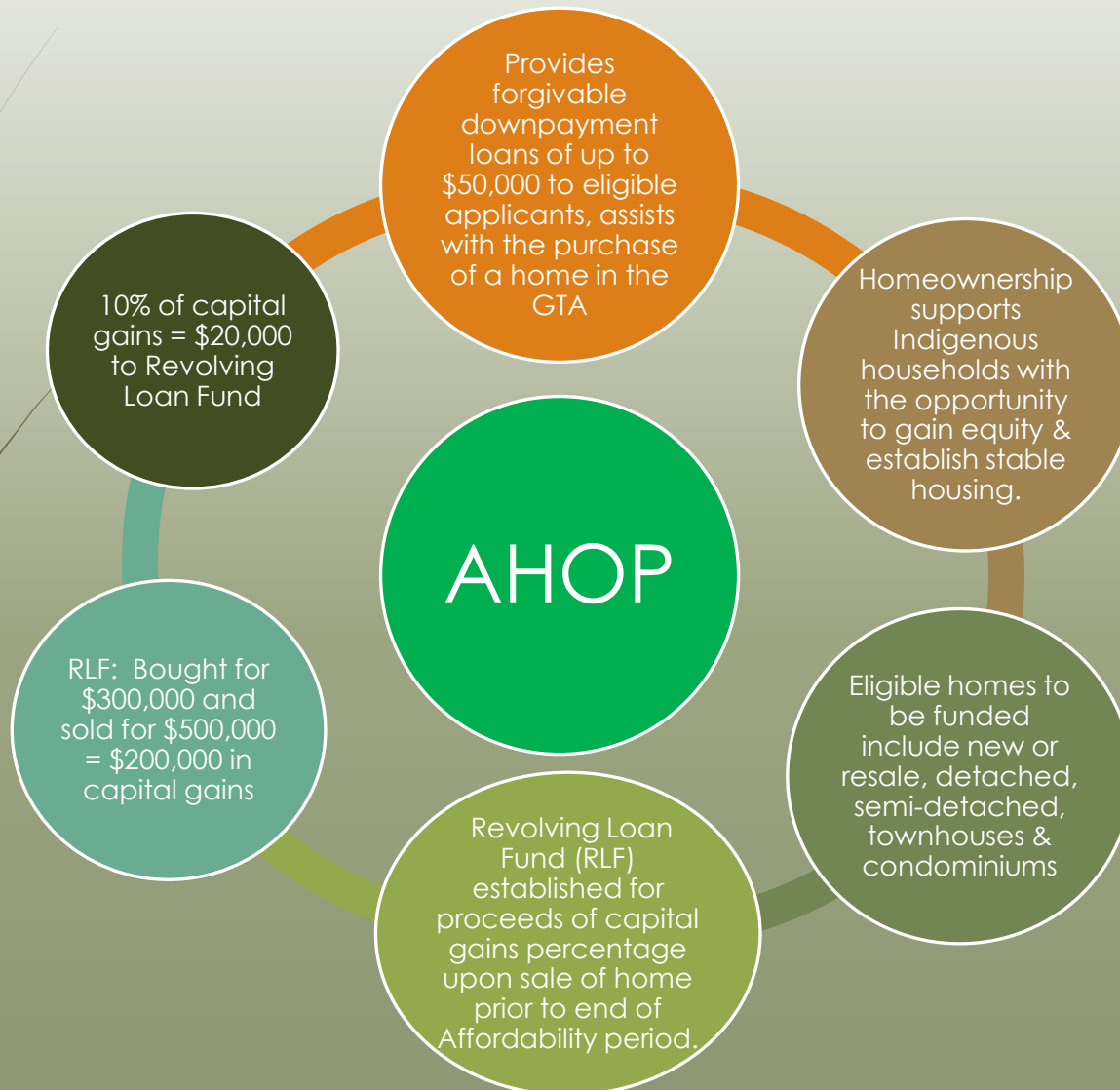


Our Programs

- ❖ Since 2009, MBDC has successfully delivered various Federal-Provincial Indigenous Housing Programs in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). These programs include:
 - ❖ Aboriginal Housing Trust (2010)
 - ❖ Investment in Affordable Housing and Extension (2014 & 2016)
 - ❖ Social Infrastructure Fund (2017)
 - ❖ Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (2018)
 - ❖ Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (2019)
 - ❖ Social Services Relief Fund under the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program in response to COVID-19 (2020)
- ❖ MBDC core Program streams consist of Rental and Supportive Housing, Home Ownership and Rent Supplements.



Affordable Home Ownership Program (AHOP)



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AHOP Program Success Testimonial:

*"We are counting down the days!
There is a sense of hope now, it is
almost surreal. Hello to the
planned garden and the large
backyard.*

*Words can never express our
thanks to the Affordable Home
Ownership Program. We have
been blessed with a miracle, we
have been blessed with our own
home. Miigwetch, Thank you, and
Merci".*

-Family of 6

Toronto, Ontario



Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP)



- ❖ The Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP) is a component of the Supportive Housing Investment, provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).
- ❖ The ISHP is designed to assist individuals who are experiencing homelessness and are in need of affordable housing and support services, to remain housed.
- ❖ In addition to addressing homelessness, people have an opportunity to access housing, education, training, & health services.



An Overview of the Housing Retention Program

- ❖ The Housing Retention Program is a pilot project developed in 2018 by MBDC in partnership with, and administered by Anishnawbe Health Toronto
- ❖ It is a successful collaboration between community partners
- ❖ It focuses on providing support services along with housing assistance in order for community members to obtain and remain stably housed
- ❖ The program provides housing assistance to households facing eviction due to short-term financial difficulties, and those experiencing homelessness
- ❖ Providing support services in conjunction with housing assistance.

Administered by:



**Anishnawbe Health Toronto,
179 Gerrard Street East,
Toronto, Ontario M5A 2E5**

In Partnership with:



**Miziwe Biik Development Corporation
167 Gerrard Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5A 2E4**



Indigenous Rental Housing Program



63-65 Homewood Avenue, Toronto

- ❖ The Indigenous Rental Housing Program provides funding of up to \$200,000 per unit to qualified Indigenous Housing Providers to create new Affordable Housing units in the GTA.
- ❖ Funding is provided for new construction and acquisition/rehab projects
- ❖ housing providers are required to maintain affordability for a minimum of 20 years with rents at 80% or less of the average market rents.
- ❖ Priority is given to projects which provide lower rents.



Program Results

- ❖ Increase affordable housing stock
- ❖ Increase equity for housing providers = community non-profits accountable to the community



Nishnawbe Homes Inc.
22-26 Norwood Rd, Toronto
A 3 storey, 22-unit acquisition rehabilitation, this project provides affordable housing for families, seniors and singles.



Wigwamen Inc.
3738 St. Clair Ave. E, Scarborough
A 3 storey, 22-unit dwelling containing single, senior and family apartments. Close to the transit system and amenities.



Program Results



NA-ME-RES Native Men's Residence
192-194 Dunn Avenue, Toronto

A 22-Unit residence that provides affordable housing and cultural supports for Indigenous men in Toronto. It is located in the Parkdale neighborhood and close to all amenities.



Wigwamen Inc.
160-162 Kenwood Avenue

This 9-unit affordable housing project consists of bachelor, 1 and 2 bedroom units. Developed by Wigwamen Inc. it is located near major bus routes, amenities and great green spaces.

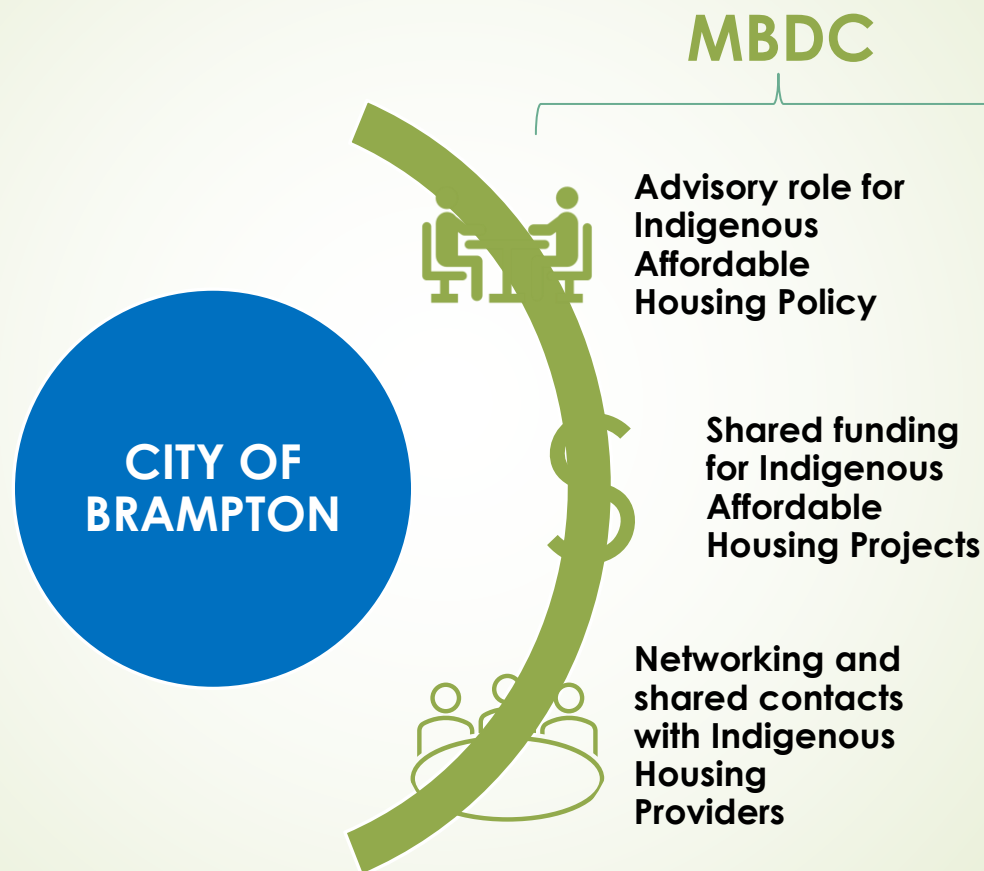


Key Success Factors for Indigenous Affordable Housing

- ❖ Identify and address Community needs (Homelessness, Homeownership, Affordable rental Housing).
- ❖ Indigenous Community ownership of projects.
- ❖ Ongoing Partnerships with Federal/Provincial/Municipal Governments and Indigenous Housing providers to reduce the overall project costs and increase affordability
- ❖ Proponent has sound financial position
- ❖ Experienced and well qualified Project/Development Team
- ❖ Availability of Municipal Incentives
 - ❖ Fast Track approvals e.g. Brampton Concierge Program
 - ❖ Waiver of Development charges, Planning and Building Permit Fees
 - ❖ Waiver of property taxes,
 - ❖ Surplus land
 - ❖ Rent Supplements
- ❖ Post-Occupancy Property Management Plan
 - ❖ Continuous attention to maintenance and repairs
 - ❖ Tenant supports



MBDC and City of Brampton Working Together



Questions/Discussion



6-8 Peel Avenue, Brampton





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