




# WHO WE ARE

Brantford Native Housing,  
Brantford, Ontario



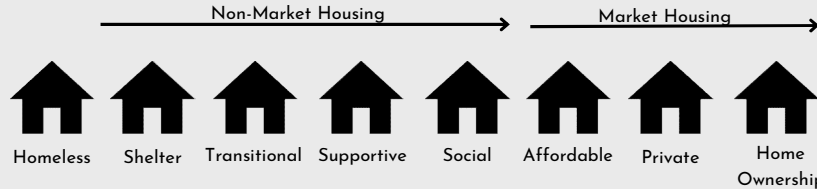
*Brantford Native Housing (BNH) has been successfully operating since 1986 with a mandate of providing access to safe, dignified, and equitable housing and programming options for Indigenous peoples in the Brantford area.*

- *Currently manage Indigenous-occupied units - and support the homeless population in the urban Brantford core*
- *Working hard to develop transitional & affordable housing solutions for Indigenous members of our community*
- *BNH Housing team is a team of 7.*
  - *3 Tenant Support*
  - *3 Housing Outreach*
  - *1 Street Outreach*
- *Clients include: seniors, youth, single parents, individuals struggling with addiction and mental health, homeless population, people with disabilities, etc.*
- *BNH also offers programming and culturally appropriate supports to clients (don't need to be housed to be eligible for supports)*
  - *In 2021, BNH serviced over 6,659 people through our programming streams*

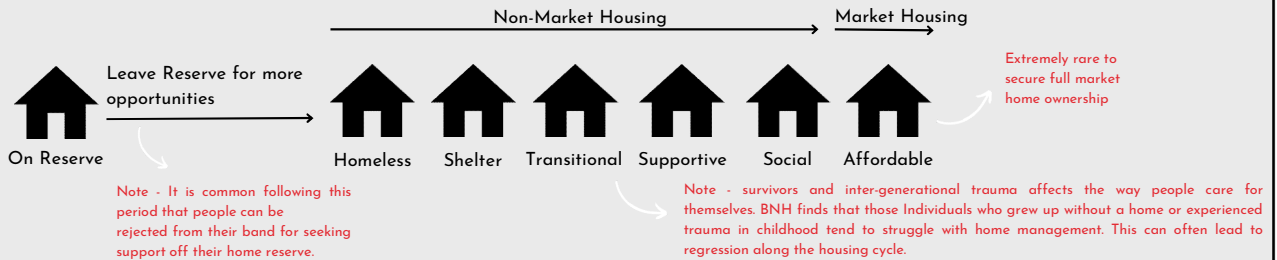
# THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

For our clients / Indigenous people currently experiencing homelessness

## TRADITIONAL SYSTEM



## CURRENT REALITY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



# SOME OF OUR FACILITIES

Transitional & Affordable Homes

## TRANSITIONAL



**Ehnita House**  
Youth Home - 16 to 21 yrs.



**Ojistoh House**  
Women with or without children who are at risk or are homeless



**Ode Haot House**  
Families with children who are at risk or are homeless



**Karahkwa House**  
Men recovering from addictions

## AFFORDABLE



Senior Home Facility



Single apartment units



Single Home units

... AND MANY MORE

# Housing Data

## BNH Housing Breakdown

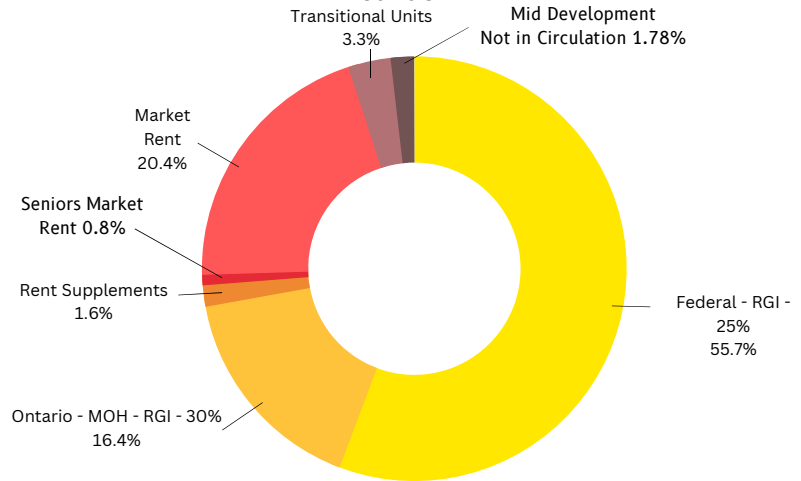
### Currently in Service

- 120 Properties / Housing Facilities
- ↳ Over 187 units
- ↳ Over 269 beds

### Out of Service - In development

- 2 Properties / Housing Facilities
- ↳ 12 units
- ↳ 21 beds

### BNH Facility Rental Breakdown



# BNH HOUSING WAITLIST DATA

### Current Waitlist size:

- In 2022 & so far in 2023, BNH has received a total of 26 transitional applications with 40 people looking for transitional housing
- BNH has 139 active affordable housing applications with over 300 people looking for homes.
- Average members per household - 2.42
- Transitional & Affordable Housing Applications date back as late as 2011
- Waitlist times for all housing dwelling types range from 5-10 years

### Unit Distribution of those Waitlisted:

The unit distribution is moderately even with the need for 4 bedroom units being a small outlier.

- 46 x 1 bedroom units (33%); Estimated waiting time is 10 years
- 37 x 2 bedroom units (27%); Estimated waiting time is 10 years
- 45 x 3 Bedroom units (32%); Estimated waiting time is 10 years
- 11 x 4 bedroom units (8%); Estimated waiting time is 7 years

### Demographics of applicants:

- The average age of applicant is 39 years old
- 117 applicants (70%) are female
- Of those 117 applicants, 59 (50%) have children aged 18 or younger



# Homelessness Data

Urban Brantford  
Core

**THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN BRANTFORD REPRESENTS 5.9% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION WHILE ALSO REPRESENTING 35.9% OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION**

**BNH SERVES ON AVERAGE BETWEEN 400-450 HOMELESS INDIGENOUS PERSONS MONTHLY**

**FROM QUARTER 1 2022 TO QUARTER 1 2023: THE AMOUNT OF CHILDREN (AGES 0-11) THAT BNH SEES ON A MONTHLY BASIS HAS TRIPLED**

**BNH HAS SEEN A MODERATE INCREASE ON NON-BINARY CLIENTS ATTENDING OUR SERVICE WINDOW**

**THE MAJORITY OF HOMELESS PEOPLE BNH SERVICES ARE WITHIN 31-64 YEARS OLD.**

**At our homeless service window BNH provides incoming clients (Indigenous & non-Indigenous) with the following tools if needed:**

- Food provisions
- Cultural supplies
- Clothing & hygiene products
- Harm reduction supplies & first aid/medical items
- Safe contraception supplies
- Access to housing information - applications



## THE BNH HOUSING PROCESS

### Permanent Housing

- A potential tenant either downloads our housing application from our website or gathers one from the office. They fill the application out in its entirety, and submit the application as well as all required identification to a housing team member
- They are then added to the waitlist for their applicable unit size (1,2,3 Bedroom)
- Once a unit becomes available, people are contacted off the waitlist chronologically.
- If interested, the potential tenant schedules an appointment in our office to meet with a housing team member.
- The potential tenant is then shown the property
- The housing team member then schedules a home visit of the potential tenants current residence
- After this, landlord and refence checks are completed
- After this, RGI/Market rent is calculated. An offer of housing is issued
- The tenant then schedules an appointment for lease signing and move in inspection
- The tenant is provided keys to their new home



# THE BNH HOUSING PROCESS

## Transitional Housing

- A potential tenant meets with a Housing outreach worker and fills out an application.
- They are then added to the waitlist for their applicable unit type (Family, Men, Women)
- Once a unit becomes available, people are contacted off the waitlist chronologically.
- If interested, the potential tenant schedules an appointment in our office to meet with a Housing Outreach Worker and go through an intake interview process.
- After the interview, the Housing Outreach team member meets with the Housing manager to discuss acceptance or rejection into the program
- If accepted, their program fees are calculated and the tenant is notified (25% of income, or max shelter allowance for social assistance)
- Orientation is scheduled with the tenant. Wherein, the program fees are outlined, a plan of care is discussed, programming schedule is outlined and rules of living in the house are outlined.
- A walk through of the property is conducted
- The tenant is provided keys to their new home



# WHAT IS MISSING?

## 1. A FIBI (For Indigenous By Indigenous) Housing & Homeless Strategy

Ultimately, the intent of all future research is to create a housing and homeless strategy for Brantford/Brant County (and beyond) that is created using a FIBI lens

## 2. The Criminalization of Indigenous Homelessness

Future research into the intersection of the heightened criminalization of homelessness and the criminalization of indigenous people

