

Project Update Report

1. Design Updates

Otter Housing Association (OHA) will receive the Class B cost estimate based on the current drawings in early April. This will provide a more accurate estimate of construction costs. The design work is mainly funded through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Study Grant with co-funding from the Newcomer Housing grant, Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) and NL Community Growth Fund. Completing the Class B cost estimate will enable FCM to release the remaining funds and officially close out the FCM Study Grant.

2. Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Initiative Updates

Our Town Planner, Mary is currently working on an infographic on the affordable housing policy changes in simple language to share with the community. OHA will share once received.

3. HAF Funding Update

Since the previous PMT meeting on February 12th 2026, HAF funds have been used to pay for project management fees for OHA, totaling \$5000 + HST.

4. HAF Reporting

Annual HAF reports have been completed by OHA and reviewed/approved by the PMT. OHA will submit these reports to CMHC before the due date later in March.

All initiatives and milestones in the action plan have been completed with exception of the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan. The Town of Port Rexton included the Town of Trinity in this plan and in order to participate, the Town of Trinity submitted their own funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Currently, this application is still under review. OHA has requested to extend this initiative under HAF by one year.

5. AOB

Olivia has followed up on FCM's energy retrofits grants for municipal buildings with Cathy. Cathy will bring this up for approval at the next council meeting.

6. Next PMT meeting: April - TBD.

Questions on the project or this update can be directed to olivia@otterhousing.ca.