



2017 Fall/Winter Newsletter

Message from the CEO

Hello everyone.

I can hardly believe the fall and Christmas season is upon us once more. I guess you could say Santa has been good to Gabriel Housing Corporation this year. Along with our partners we have been approved to build a four story 12 unit apartment consisting of one and two bedroom units at 3876 Rae Street and two duplexes at 305 Garnet Street consisting of two three and two four bedrooms units.

Our Board of Directors elections were also held on September 29th and 30th, 2017. Our new Board of Directors consists of President Bernie Amyotte, Vice President Melody Arbour, Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Deschambault and Directors Bradyn Parisian, Jamiy Lee Moran, Arnold Racette and Dennis Brooks.

Our Annual General Meeting held on September 16th, 2017 was also very successful as members have taken a keen interest of what's happening at Gabriel Housing Corporation. I hope the year was good to you too. As we head into the cooler time of year please take time to read our newsletter as it is filled with tips on how to keep your house warmer and comfortable during the cooler months. Using these tips will also save money on your heating and energy bills.

As usual we have our Mitchif word of the month and a great meal tip for the holiday season, hope you enjoy it. I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you,

Doug Moran
Chief Executive Officer



Tenant Services

For after-hours emergencies call 306-775-2905 to speak with our 24HR answering service. As well, our drop box is located at the main entrance.

Reminders:

- ∞ Please don't forget to put your name and address on money orders and cheques.
- ∞ If you have not had your smoke detector checked, please call to arrange for a time.
- ∞ Do not use the basement as a bedroom, unless there are legal windows. It is NOT safe and it is AGAINST fire regulations.
- ∞ Stop by the office and pick up a new furnace filter just make sure you know the size.
- ∞ Please note maintenance requests are prioritized when received; please call in as soon as issues arise.
- ∞ Paying rent on time must be a priority because it reduces administrative costs to collect.

The saving can then go into our maintenance budget which helps us to do more, save more by doing better maintenance planning and reduce an already excessive maintenance budget due to high costs such as inflation, provincial PST 6% increase and significantly lower government subsidies. Therefore our rent arrears policy will be strictly enforced to allow us to proceed with our maintenance plans.

Maintenance

Please ensure your stove and oven are operating properly BEFORE the holiday season and make maintenance checks as to get repairs completed preventively.

Maintenance tips for the fall/winter months:

- ∞ Turn off outside water taps.
- ∞ Check basement windows and vents for proper seal to keep mice/cold air out.
- ∞ Maintain/shovel all walkways, use ice melts/salt on stairs on walks where icing is bad and re-occurs.
- ∞ Check your outdoor electrical outlet before those 40 below days are here.
- ∞ In the winter months turn your furnace down and turn all lights off at night and when no one is home (to save \$\$).



Gabriel Property Management Inc.

Gabriel Property Management Inc. units are available for rent in any of our apartment buildings located behind the North Gate Mall (close to all amenities)

- 2250 7th Ave. N,
- 2235 8th Ave. N and
- 443 Lorne Street N.

These units are **non-subsidized market rental units.**

Contact Marvin or stop by the office to complete an application.



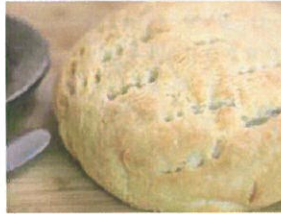
Apartment Maintenance:

- ∞ Ensure there is no draft coming in from the patio door and windows.
- ∞ Keep the main entrance and back door to the apartment buildings closed.
- ∞ Use energy efficient light bulbs.
- ∞ Place your air conditioner cover over the air conditioner

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favorite RECIPES



Bannock

Ingredients

- 3 cups of flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- ¼ butter melted
- 1 ½ cups of milk

Directions

1. Measure flour, salt, and baking powder into large bowl. Stir to mix. Pour melted butter and milk over flour mixture. Stir with fork to make a ball.
2. Turn dough out on a lightly floured surface, and kneed gently about 10 times. Pat into a flat circle ¾ to 1 inch thick.
3. Cook in a greased frying pan over medium heat, allowing about 15 minutes for each side. Use two lifters for easy turning. May also be baked in a greased baking sheet at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes.

Metis/Mitchif word of the day
Mishpoon: Snowing

Congratulations to Charles Racette on his upcoming retirement January 31, 2018. He will be greatly missed by all of us, board and staff, as well as tenants and anyone who was blessed to work with him.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are Métis you can become a member of Gabriel Housing Corporation.

Please contact the office for further information.



Gabriel Housing Corporation office will be closed on the following dates:

November 13, 2017

Remembrance Day

November 16, 2017

Louis Reil Day

December 25, 2017

Christmas Day

December 26, 2017

Boxing Day

January 1, 2018

News Year Day

Reminder: We accept debit/interac payments in office.



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On behalf of the board and staff at Gabriel Housing Corporation have a safe and joyous holiday!

