



2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Greetings - Board of Directors

2024 is shaping up to be a very busy time. Most of our vacant houses in 2023 were repaired and several needed major renovations. In 1981 when Gabriel Housing was incorporated and houses were being purchased, the monies available and bank loans to buy houses was limited. This resulted in the Corporation having to buy older houses, those houses today are now aged and in need of major work.

Over the past years the Corporation has been undertaking work to ensure the houses are ready to rent. Other items such as exterior work, landscaping, fencing, tree removal and house painting have been delayed due to the cost of repairs to vacant houses and the limited funds to do all the work required.

Every Corporation over time needs to implement a system of succession planning to fill vacant positions due to personnel leaving or retiring. The Board

decided to fill our vacant positions by promoting internally, doing so by making Marvin Aubichon, General Manager and have William Morrison take on the position of Tenant Services Manager, congratulations to both on accepting their new roles. This should provide motivation to others that their hard work and commitment to the Corporation is recognized. We have also hired Travis Antoine as a Maintenance Technician.

A couple other events that are being addressed and hopefully will take place shortly are:

- 1) The Annual Meeting - awaiting final report from the auditing firm
- 2) Board Elections - 3 positions, date for elections will be scheduled at the Annual Meeting

Wishing everyone an enjoyable spring and summer.



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Tansi/Hello

It has been my privilege to have been employed at Gabriel Housing Corporation for the past 27 years. On March 11, 2024 I accepted a promotion to General Manager, as our succession plan was in place, in which we attempt to promote from within. William Morrison was promoted to Tenant Services Manager as part of that plan. I am currently working to address the issue of our aging housing portfolio, as well as future expansion. This needs undertaking to ensure that the Corporation will be available for future generations of Metis families and seniors to come. I look forward to the new challenges that this job will bring

along with the anticipation of paving a path to the future for Gabriel Housing Corporation.

Marvin Aubichon
General Manager

****SOCIAL MEDIA****

This will be the last paper copy of the newsletter that will be sent out. We ask that you include an email address in your information so that you can receive our newsletter by email in the future.

We will also be putting the newsletter on our Facebook page and our website (gabrielhousing.com)

Please be sure to check us out.



All Families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

Membership

Gabriel Housing Corporation membership is open to Métis people within the boundaries and at least 16 years of age. We encourage all tenants who are Métis to apply for membership. With membership you can vote for

the Board of Directors. For more details, please contact the office.

Closures



The office will closed on:

May 20 - Victoria Day
July 1 - Canada Day
August 5 - Saskatchewan Day
September 2 - Labour Day
October 14 - Thanksgiving Day



Métis/Michif

“Kaa kaashkihtaan!”

You can do it!



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance tips for the spring/summer months:

- Check basement windows and vents for proper seal to keep out mice
- Cut your lawn
- Clean yard of rubbish and debris
- Spray your weeds

Furnace Maintenance

Furnace filters need to be changed every two months they can be picked up at the office at no charge and are very important to change regularly. Neglecting to change can result to health problems for tenants or damage to the unit itself.

Vacuuming out registers on regular basis can avoid allergens and mold.

Regular vs. Emergency Maintenance

Regular Maintenance - is an inconvenience that does not put your health and safety or the rental property at risk, such as when the kitchen tap is dripping or when one stove burner does not work.

Emergency Maintenance - is maintenance that must be done to protect your health and safety or the rental property, and can't wait until the next business day.

**FOR ANY AFTER HOURS
EMERGENCY -**

**CALL OUR 24-HOUR
ANSWERING SERVICE**

306-775-2905

*** Before making an after-hours
call, please consider
if it is truly an emergency
or if it can wait until
the office reopens. ****

TENANT SERVICES

RENT PAYMENT



Rent is due on or before the
first of every month.

We currently do not have a
mailbox due to the
construction going on at the
front entrance of the building.
Rent payments must be made
in person, through on-line
banking or through the
regular mail.

Please double-check that your
name is on the check or
money order before
submitting it for payment. If
you have any questions about
rent payment, please contact
the office.

***CASH IS
NOT ACCEPTED***

If you would like to schedule
a home visit with your tenant
coordinator, please call the
office.

GHC ensures that you are
aware ahead of time if our
maintenance staff or hired
contractors are coming to do
work and inspections at your
residence. When in doubt,
do not let them into your
home and please contact our
office if you have any
concerns.

***** Remember *****

As you agreed when you
signed your lease, you are not
able to make changes to your
unit. Making alterations
could result in health and
safety risks and could lead to
surcharges or evictions.

Please do not use basement
for bedrooms, having
bedrooms in the basement
without regulation size
windows is unsafe and illegal.

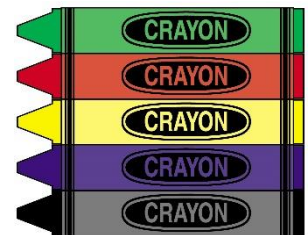
Pet Policy

All Gabriel Housing
Corporation homes are **pet-
free** unless otherwise
approved, in accordance with
the lease agreements.
Tenants who want to get a pet
should write a letter, requesting
a pet, to their Tenant Services
Coordinator.

Approval or denial will be
given to you in writing.



**PET SITTING IS NOT
PERMITTED UNLESS
APPROVED BY YOUR
TENANT SERVICES
COORDINATOR.**



**SPRING COLORING
CONTEST**

There will be 2 age categories.
5 and under
Ages 6-10

Each winner will receive a \$25
gift certificate.

Return the colored page to
the office by May 6, 2024.
Winner will be picked May 7
and notified immediately.

GOOD LUCK!

COOK'S CORNER



BOULETTE SOUP

Get a pot. Peel and cube about 3 inches worth of potatoes into the pot. Chop some onions and put in with the potatoes as you like. Sprinkle some salt on that and cover the mixture with water. Take some ground beef and put it in a bowl, sprinkle with salt and pepper (to your liking). Make little spoon sized meatballs, add to pot. Cover with lid and boil. Once boiling turn down heat and simmer until potatoes are done and boulettes are brown. Then add milk and pepper to your liking. To thicken use flour. **Serve with Li Galette.**



LI GALLETTE

4 cups of flour
½ melted lard
4 teaspoons of baking powder
Pinch of salt
1 ½ cups of cool water

In large bowl combine dry ingredients & mix well. Add lard and water. Mix well. Knead into a large cookie size (can be divided into 2) bake on rack in 400 degrees oven for ½ hour.

**HAVE A SAFE
&
HAPPY
SUMMER!**

CONGRATULATIONS

**Marvin Aubichon
promoted to General
Manager**



**Will Morrison promoted
to Manager of Tenant
Services**



And

**Travis Antoine – hired on
as Maintenance
Technician**



**5 ANTS
RENTED A
HOUSE
WITH ANOTHER 5
ANTS...NOW THERE
TENANTS**

