

It impacts everyone!

Social housing units are few and far between.

The government hasn't constructed any new low-cost housing since 1994 and it only invests minimally in new housing co-ops or in new non-profit housing.

Social housing is even more vital in a context in which private developers are barely building any rental units and the cost of existing units are increasingly expensive.

For households currently living in social housing, as well as for those who may need social housing in the future, **FRAPRU demands that the federal government immediately commits** to the continuation of federal funding for existing social housing.

To find out more...

As a tenant in non-profit housing, you can join your local housing committee to find out more.

Talk with your neighbours and at your next general assembly. Keep an eye on your local newspaper to stay informed of upcoming activities on the issue.

To talk about your specific co-op or to participate in FRAPRU's campaign, which **demands that federal funding for existing social housing units be maintained**, contact your housing committee:

YOUR HOUSING COMMITTEE

To find out more:
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HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES

Will Ottawa walk out on you?

Do you live in a housing co-op that was built between 1986 and 1992 through the Federal Co-operative Housing Program known as the Index-linked Mortgage (ILM)? Is your rent – or perhaps that of your neighbours – subsidized?

Did you know that the funding for rent subsidies, which goes towards reducing the cost of rent for low-income tenants, are primarily funded by the federal government and that it won't last forever? Did you know that it may end very soon?

This will have an impact on you!



The problem

From the start, your housing co-op has received financial support from the federal government, support that has been central to the co-op's development.



Your co-op also signed a long-term agreement with the *Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ)* for rent subsidies destined for its low-income members. This allows them to pay a rent that corresponds to 25% of their income.

Even though these subsidies are managed by the SHQ, **they are funded by Ottawa**. When your co-op's mortgage ends, the federal government will cut its contribution.

Will the Quebec government, who's responsible for the SHQ, agree to foot 100% of the bill when it currently only pays 25%? If so, will it demand that low-income tenants pay a higher rent?

It will be a tough blow.



...a few numbers

Other types of social housing will be affected by the end long-term of federal funding.

All low-cost housing buildings will be hit, as well as co-ops and non-profit housing that were built within different programs.

In all, 127 000 housing units will be affected. This is equivalent to 85% of all social housing units in Quebec.

Most of these units house tenants with low incomes.

Buildings that have aged

Since housing co-ops are many decades old, many are in need of major renovations, which are often very expensive. To respond to these needs, co-ops like yours created replacement reserves. In many cases, however, these reserves aren't sufficient for necessary repairs to be done in a timely way. **As a result, these buildings and apartments are deteriorating**, to the detriment of the tenants' living conditions and to the lifespans of the buildings themselves.

Why doesn't the federal government simply establish **a program allowing co-ops and to restore their buildings**, as was the case from 2009-2011?

