



In September 2018, the **FRAPRU** will organise the march «From Cities to Villages for the Right to Housing». The march will link Ottawa to Québec City.

From September 2 to 29, more that 500 km will be covered. Each and every individual who holds the right to housing close to their heart are invited to join, however many kilometres they would like to cover with FRAPRU members.

WHY A MARCH FOR THE RIGHT TO HOUSING ?

According to the census 2016, 305 590 households in Québec have a pressing need for housing. This means they live in a unit too expensive for their means, too small for their family, and/or in bad housing conditions. They are forced to live in housing where they do not feel secure or that is adapted to their physical capacities.

To respond to the urgent and pressing needs and that the response be durable, it takes social housing now! **The FRAPRU estimates that it will take 50 000 new social housing units in 5 years.**

Despite of the magnitude of need, the government is dragging its feet. The federal and Québec government finance no more 3 000 new social housing units per year for all of Québec.

THE MARCH OF FRAPRU POUR FOR RIGHT TO HOUSING TARGETS TO :



I WANT TO PARTICIPATE BUT I HESITATE...

I want to participate in the march «From Cities to Villages for the Right to Housing» but it is many kilometres to march. I do not think I can march from Ottawa to Québec City.

No problem! It is true that it is a large distance between Ottawa and Québec City, and one can understand that it is a little frightening. This is why you can choose the distance you will cover with the FRAPRU march. You can complete the entire distance with FRAPRU, or you can choose one day or, several days if you so desire. The FRAPRU will organise, at certain moments, a free transport, in order that the people who only wish to participate one day or a few days, can join the march, including those who are in a mechanical wheelchair or mobility scooter.

If you wish to do the full march, or several consecutive days, be aware that this can demand a major physical effort on your part. The organising committee has provided tools to help participant marchers prepare themselves.

**I want to participate but where will we sleep?
Must I bring my own lunch for each day?**

The organising committee is studiously working to find and locate suitable accommodations for all persons who will march; more often than not, it will be in community centres, church basements or gymnasiums. The same goes with food. You will not have to bring your lunch nor worry about accommodations.

You can also help the organising committee. If you know people or organisations who would be willing to house or feed the marchers in your city, village or region or groups willing to offer food, this is great news!! Call the housing committee in your area to give them the name and the contact information of the people or organisation.



I want to participate, but in September, it may be cold and I am afraid I will not have the necessary equipment...

The organising committee will make the arrangements for the necessary equipment. If you need a raincoat, a coat or good walking shoes, etc, do not hesitate to mention this to your housing committee when you sign-up. Also, there will be a vehicle that will follow the marchers if ever a person is too tired or too cold. And finally, remember that in the last few years, the month of September is mild & sunny.

I want to participate, but I don't know anyone...

You can call the housing committee in your area. If you do not know them or there is no housing committee then you can call FRAPRU at 514-522-1010. The mobilisation activities and the preparation for the march will be organised across Québec - this opens the door to meeting new people in your area.



I want to participate, but I am worried about my security.

It is normal to worry about your security. The organising committee of the FRAPRU march has access to similar march plans from the past and has planning experience for any situation. They are planning itineraries & secure routes where the march is possible and has foreseen a full-time safety/security support team for the marchers.

I want to participate, but won't it be a little boring to march all day?

Of course not! We have thought of many activities and demonstrations along the march that will draw the attention of the population and entertain.

Please read up on the programme of the march this coming spring 2018 on the web site of FRAPRU, www.frapru.qc.ca/grandemarche, via Facebook events on the FRAPRU page, or yet again your local housing committee.





I WANT TO REGISTER !

To register, it is easy.

You only have to fill out the form and give it to the housing committee in your area.

TO LEARN MORE :



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