



Keeping in Touch

Federal Election Edition

Affordable
Housing is an
Election Issue!

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SHORE HOUSING ACTION COALITION

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The State and Housing in Canada

Canada, once a world leader in making housing available to all citizens, is the only G8 country without a National Housing Plan

Following the Second World War, a national housing policy supported the creation of social housing in partnership with provinces, churches, non-profit agencies, and cooperatives. That period of collaboration left a legacy which now provides a million Canadians with access to affordable and subsidized housing. Beginning in the 1980s however, the federal government's investment in housing began to shift. In the past 25 years, as Canada's population increased by almost 30%, annual national investment in housing decreased by over 46%. In 1989, an average of \$115/person was spent on federal housing investments. By 2013, it dropped to just over \$60/person (in 2013 dollars).

As a result of these policy and funding changes, a growing population, and historically high levels of household debt, Canada is facing a housing crisis. Strong federal leadership and collaboration among all levels of government and community stakeholders is urgently needed.

Federal funding is set to expire, cities are becoming...more unaffordable, and low-income Canadians from coast to coast are experiencing wait times of many years before being able to access social housing. And to top it all off, our current social housing stock is in major need of major repair and renewal.

-CHRA President Brigitte Witkowski

Calls for action on affordable housing from advocates have not gone unheard among Canadians: local government leaders from 180 municipalities (representing over 60% of Canadians) have passed resolutions calling for a

long-term federal housing strategy and one early poll ranked action of affordable housing among the top issues most likely to sway voters during this Federal Election. During this campaign add your voice to the call for action on affordable housing. We encourage you to learn more about the issues, ask questions, and raise awareness

of the issues here in South-Shore St. Margaret's, and beyond.



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Upcoming Candidates Forums

September 20

1pm- 2:30pm at the Best Western in Bridgewater (hosted by the Health Care Coalition)

September 29

7:00pm at the Mahone Bay Centre (hosted by the Council of Canadians and Second Story Women's Centre)

October 1

10am-12:30pm at Forest Heights Community School, Chester Basin

October 8

7:00pm at the Best Western in Bridgewater (hosted by Bridgewater Chamber of Commerce)

Housing Discussion with the Candidates

It was a full house on September 9th when nearly 40 people joined us for a conversation about housing with the Candidates for our riding, South Shore – St. Margaret's.

The Candidates, Richard Biggar (Green Party of Canada), Alex Godbold (New Democratic Party) and Bernadette Jordan (Liberal Party of Canada) shared their responses to the questions posed by SSHAC, outlining their party's plans to take action on Affordable Housing and their role in supporting local action, as Member of Parliament. The discussion touched on the impact of various issues on housing - from our aging population to electoral reform to transportation. The Candidates' written responses to our questions are provided in this Newsletter for your review (see pages 4-8).



The audience of SSHAC members, community stakeholders and invited guests discussed the needs of our communities and the role of our Member of Parliament in taking action here in South Shore – St. Margaret's.

We thank everyone who joined us for the conversation on the 9th. We look forward to working with our MP to continue building awareness and facilitation action in our communities on housing issues.

National Week of Action on Housing: September 23-30th

During the week of September 23rd – 30th join SSHAC and others from across Canada to raise awareness on the need for action on affordable housing. We're looking forward to a series of 10-minutes interviews with housing champions and spokespeople from different parties will be released during the week. The Housing for All Podcast Series is a unique opportunity to learn more about each party's housing platform in a more engaging way. Stay tuned to housing4all.ca and SSHAC's social media channels!

Nova Scotia Ranks 11th (of 13)

The recent release of the Canadian Rental Housing Index gives Nova Scotia an overall ranking of 11th (of 13) on its measures of rental housing across Canada. Check out the interactive map and learn more about the rental housing picture across Canada at <http://rentalhousingindex.ca>.

IMPACTS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

1. By providing families and persons with chronic illnesses with greater residential stability, affordable housing can reduce stress and related adverse health outcomes.
2. The initial development of affordable housing creates both immediate and long-term employment opportunities and spending in the local economy.
3. Well constructed and well-maintained affordable housing can reduce health problems associated with poor-quality housing.
4. Affordable housing can affect an employer's ability to attract and retain employees and can this have implications for regional economic competitiveness.
5. By alleviating crowding, affordable housing can reduce exposure to stressors and infectious diseases.
6. Affordable housing helps increase the discretionary income that low-income families have available to meet important family needs or save for the future.
7. Access to affordable housing allows survivors of domestic violence to escape abusive homes, which can improve mental health and physical safety.
8. Stable, affordable housing improves educational outcomes for vulnerable children.
9. Affordable and accessible housing linked to supportive services enables older adults and others with mobility limitations to remain in their homes.
10. Affordable housing contributes to increases in local purchasing power, neighborhood vitality and improved neighborhood quality.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION



Housing4all

A network of dozens of national, regional and local groups and associations from Canada, all aiming to make affordable and social housing a federal election issue in 2015. Great resources here: housing4all.ca



Call for Housing

Join the call for a National Housing Strategy at callforhousing.com



Right to Housing

A campaign to raise awareness about housing.



CACHC

Read party leader responses to questions from CACHC, including one about housing at cachc.ca/federalelection

South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Updates & News from our Work

While SSHAC did not meet over the summer, our committee work has continued. Here are some highlights from our summer:

Federal Election Strategy

Our Advocacy and Policy and Communications Teams have been preparing to make affordable housing an issue during this Federal Election Campaign. This has included: preparation of our Fact Sheet and this Newsletter; sharing information and resources on our Social Media Channels and connecting with advocacy groups. In July we sent our questions to the Candidates for response. We encourage you to use these questions to ask your Candidates about housing at an upcoming All Candidates Forum or at the door.

Engaging with Developers & Landlords

Housing doesn't build itself. Committee members have generated a list of active developers and contractors in Lunenburg and Queens Counties. Through conversation with the sector, the committee seeks to understand the challenges and opportunities for affordable housing development in our region.

Housing Issues: Telling the Story

Stories about how housing issues show up in the lives of people in our communities are powerful tools for highlighting the need for action. The Communications Team is interested in documenting the stories of people in our communities to support our work. Stay tuned!



Pssst....Pass it On!



HOME WARMING

HomeWarming.ca

HomeWarming offers no-charge energy assessments and home upgrades to income-qualified homeowners. If upgrades will help reduce heating and power bills, they will be installed, at no cost to those who qualify.

Call to see if you qualify:

1-877-999-6035

HomeWarming is offered by Efficiency Nova Scotia & Clean Foundation.

Affordable Housing Policy Research

A student from the Dalhousie University School of Planning, Ross Grant, is producing an affordable housing policy toolkit for SSHAC. This project is a component of his Masters of Planning degree and is supervised by John Zuck. As part of our long term goal of creating a housing action plan for the South Shore, Ross will be conducting an affordable housing policy analysis using examples from across Canada. The project will first identify existing policies available to the six municipalities in Lunenburg and Queens which may stimulate affordable housing. The second component of the project will find policies in other jurisdictions that do not exist in Lunenburg and Queens and recommend they be adopted either at the provincial or municipal level. The final product will be a report consisting of a "policy toolkit" of sorts which will identify a wide range of affordable housing policies. This project is expected to be completed by mid-December.

A Growing Neighbourhood

Welcome Shelburne County Housing Coalition

The Shelburne County Housing Coalition (SCHC), a diverse group of stakeholders, partners and



community members have joined together with a purpose of advocating for affordable, inclusive, and supportive housing options for all residents of Shelburne County. SCHC offers advocacy and a collective voice on housing issues, information sharing and capacity building, collaboration, partnerships and networking opportunities as well as community engagement.

This summer, SCHC invited members of SSHAC to join their August meeting to discuss our collaboration in raising awareness of affordable housing during the election campaign, and to explore other opportunities for our groups to work together to build awareness and take action on housing issues in our communities. Wayne, Helen and Nancy were pleased to accept the invitation, and were energized by the work of SCHC and the potential for partnership. We look forward to working with SCHC more in the future. To learn more about the work of the Shelburne County Housing Coalition, you can reach them at shelburnecohousing@gmail.com or (902)875-2623.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CHESTER

The Municipality of the District of Chester wants to focus on one of the primary issues identified during its 2012 Age-Friendly Communities assessment: housing and related needs. Work is now underway to further develop an Age-Friendly Housing plan. Members of SSHAC recently provided input through the stakeholder engagement process, and we look forward to seeing the completed plan!

We Asked the Candidates

Where do you stand on housing? Here are their responses.

1. In your opinion, what are the housing needs of people living in the communities in the riding of South Shore - St. Margaret's?



Richard Biggar
Green Party of Canada

The housing needs of people living in South Shore-St Margaret's are as diverse as the riding is itself. We have a lot of seniors who require affordable, sustainable homes. We also have single parent families who may be struggling to make ends meet. The bottom line is that we need safe, secure homes for everyone. So much of who we become as individuals stems from life inside your home. We all need secure living arrangements.



Richard Clark
Conservative Party of Canada

When it comes to housing, others may believe that an "Ottawa-knows-best approach is the way to go, but I sure don't. Our government thinks that it is local leaders who know best what is needed in our community- your group (SSHAC) is an example of this important local leadership. Under the Investment in Affordable Housing, provinces and territories have the flexibility to design and deliver programs that meet local needs and priorities. Housing is an incredibly important issue for our communities, which is why our Government has invested heavily in this area. This year alone we will spend approximately \$2 billion, and since 2006 we have invested over \$16.5 billion through CMHC. I'm proud to say that for Nova Scotia, this represents a \$550 million investment.



Alex Godbold
New Democratic Party

One in nine Canadians live in housing need, that's 3.2 million. This means they spend more than they can afford on housing or they live in homes needing major repairs or are overcrowded. On any given night 35,000 Canadians are homeless.

South Shore-St. Margaret's is not immune to this disgraceful situation, with a high proportion of renters paying more than 30% for their housing – an unsustainable situation, particularly in a recessionary economy. Lack of employment prospects and precarious work leave this group especially vulnerable to the threat of deteriorating housing conditions, family stress and homelessness.

Unfortunately, that is what is happening – the local rental housing stock is deteriorating and new construction of adequate affordable housing does not come close to meeting the need. A tight housing market leaves tenants more vulnerable than ever.

We can and must do better.

The federal government has a role to play in support of local initiatives.



Bernadette Jordan
Liberal Party of Canada

Of course, a big part of my role is not telling communities what their needs are but rather engaging with them to better understand their needs. I look forward to working with South Shore Housing Coalition and individuals and families who are in need of affordable housing to understand their needs. That being said, one of the biggest housing needs in South Shore St.-Margaret's is to address high rental prices. When individuals are spending more than 30% of their income on housing, this puts them at risk of not being able to meet other basic needs or to be in a precarious situation because these are often people who have higher job insecurity. A big part of these higher rent prices than many households can afford is due to lack of available safe spaces that are within accessible distance to services.

Housing instability or a lack of safe housing in turn affects many other aspects of peoples' lives, including health quality, social inclusion, propensity for victimization or criminal activity (or both), and the ability for children and youth to engage in school and their communities- a big problem.

2. If you are elected, what role will you play in addressing housing needs in this riding?



Richard Biggar
Green Party of
Canada

If I am elected I will join other Green MP's in re-establishing funding for housing co-operatives through a newly mandated CMHC to help tackle the problems of homelessness and the affordable housing shortage. If that sounds like it was taken right out of a policy manual, it's because it was. This is what I would do though. Homelessness is high on the Green Party platform, as it should be. We measure a society not by how great and rich the elite are, but how we treat our most destitute. We need to treat everyone better



Richard Clark
Conservative Party
of Canada

As I said, I don't believe in an "Ottawa-knows-best" approach. We need to give local leaders the flexibility to tailor programs that meet local needs, which is exactly what the Investment in Affordable Housing does.



Alex Godbold
New Democratic
Party

Individual MPs need a party and caucus who are sensitive to the issue and ready to collaborate to address the pressing need for affordable, accessible housing. I look forward to joining with my caucus colleagues in pressing forward with the NDP's existing housing agenda.

In the last 25 years of Liberal and Conservative governments, Canada's national investment in housing has fallen by 46%. Under the Liberals, we became the only OECD country without a housing strategy. I am proud of the NDP's Affordable Housing Act (Bill C-400, An Act to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians) introduced in the last Parliament and defeated by the Conservatives. Justin Trudeau missed the vote.

The Act recognizes housing as a right and would lead to the development of a National Housing Strategy in partnership with municipalities, provinces, and First Nations communities. Our goal is to restore long-term, stable investments in affordable housing.



Bernadette Jordan
Liberal Party of
Canada

Initially, my role would be to build relationships between provincial and municipal governments and local organizations to establish lines of trust so that we make sure we are all working together towards our common goal of creating a more fair and just society, particularly for those who are currently living in instable housing situations. Of course, another big role I would have is to understand the way that federal funding is being allocated and work with federal colleagues to ensure that municipalities and organizations in the riding are meeting the criteria to receive resources and help shape the overall direction of a housing strategy in South Shore – St. Margaret's.



45%

Of renters in Lunenburg and Queens Counties are in core housing need, placing them at risk for housing vulnerability of homelessness



3. What are your thoughts on the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a National Housing Plan?



Richard Biggar
Green Party of
Canada

A national housing plan would be a great idea in the sense that it would and could give us some very clear goals and directions as to where we want to be as a country regarding homelessness and affordable housing. The disadvantage would be the extra bureaucratic process that would have to be dealt with when dealing with the federal government. Also, all provinces are not created equally, a plan that works well in metro Toronto may not be the best idea for Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.



Richard Clark
Conservative Party
of Canada

Our Conservative government has taken a multi-pronged approach that helps provide housing for Canadians from all walks of life and in all parts of the country. The housing needs of most Canadians are met through the marketplace, which our government has supported through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's housing finance activities. For those households whose needs cannot be met in the marketplace, governments, community organizations, non-profit and cooperative groups, and the private sector are working together to provide affordable housing solutions. It's important to note that federal investments include assistance in a broad variety of ways, from temporary shelter, to transitional and supportive housing, to assisted housing for low-income households. Taken together, this broad range of activities supports vulnerable Canadians, homeowners, renters, and the housing sector.



Alex Godbold
New Democratic
Party

The NDP's Affordable Housing Act does just that. A national housing plan is a long-term commitment that restores stability to the funding and supply of affordable housing. It also commits the various levels of government to meet agreed-upon targets over time. The setting of those targets requires some precision in painting a picture of housing realities, identifying priorities based on need, and prioritizing investment to meet those needs. Regular reporting of progress towards the stated goals also injects a necessary element of political and administrative accountability. It is hard to see a downside to such a national collaborative effort. The alternative is what we have seen under the Liberals and the Conservatives – falling federal investment in affordable housing and only short-term, time limited commitments with resulting instability in the supply of affordable housing.



Bernadette Jordan
Liberal Party of
Canada

The advantages of having a national housing plan would be several. I'm pleased to see that because of the work of many organizations and people, housing is making it onto the political agenda. Having a national plan would increase the visibility of this issue. Another advantage would be that a plan would outline the relationships and resource transfers between different levels of government, which is a crucial step to addressing this issue.

My worry about a national housing plan is that often national strategies can be top-down approaches that cost money to create and gather dust after they're done. Since addressing affordable housing requires significant cooperation and relationship-building between the federal government, provinces, and municipalities, these need to be established before a strategy that would be effective in the long run can be created. The advantages of having a national housing plan would be several. I'm pleased to see that because of the work of many organizations and people, housing is making it onto the political agenda. Having a national plan would increase the visibility of this issue. Another advantage would be that a plan would outline the relationships and resource transfers between different levels of government, which is a crucial step to addressing this issue.

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4. How will you and your party take action on affordable housing at the federal, provincial and local levels?



Richard Biggar
Green Party of
Canada

I will be taking action at every level of government, along with my party, by incessant drum beating of the importance of housing. If a minority government is to be formed, then it is the Green MP's who will act as the sober second thoughts. Other parties will need our cooperation to maintain a government, for us to cooperate we will demand action on some of the most important issues. Housing is a very important issue to the Green Party.



Richard Clark
Conservative Party
of Canada

Since 2006, we have made historic and substantial investments in housing and we've seen tremendous results working with our provincial and territorial colleagues who ultimately have responsibility for delivering housing.

We've helped create more than 226,000 new affordable housing units and have made contributions towards the construction and renovation of 104,000 housing units for low-income families through the Economic Action Plan. That has ensured close to 1 million families have access to affordable housing. On top of that, Economic Action Plan 2013 committed significant funds through the renewal of the Investment in Affordable Housing. As I mentioned, this initiative allows local leaders to design programming that meets their specific needs.



Alex Godbold
New Democratic
Party

In addition to the actions outlined above, (enacting the Affordable Housing Act, collaborating on the development of a national housing strategy, and restoring stable long-term investments in affordable housing) we will:

- be making housing more affordable in our communities by sustaining investment in Canada's affordable housing agreements,
- by providing incentives for the construction of 10,000 affordable and market rental housing units, and we'll renew cooperative housing operating agreements that are set to expire, and invest over \$2 billion in coops and social housing by 2020.



Bernadette Jordan
Liberal Party of
Canada

A Liberal government will prioritize investment in affordable housing and seniors facilities, early learning and child care, and cultural or recreational infrastructure. Our plan will renew federal leadership in affordable housing, help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities. We will also fund the creation of thousands of new child care spaces, enhance their quality, and ensure that affordable child care spaces are available to more families who need them. We will also boost investment in social infrastructure by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years.

Again, a core aspect of this approach is engaging with provinces and municipalities to understand their needs and make sure that the money is being used to suit the needs of the communities. These are essential relationships that need to be rebuilt to ensure program effectiveness and long-term sustainability of these policies.



Canadians from all political stripes believe new affordable housing will make life better in their communities.



5. What action will you and your party take to protect and expand affordable, accessible housing options for the most vulnerable members of our communities? (for example, seniors, persons with disabilities and mental health concerns, women leaving abusive relationships, the working poor, people living with unemployment and fixed income, homeless youth, and others)



Richard Biggar
Green Party of Canada

We will be expanding affordable housing by tax reform. The Green Party believes that most taxes should go to the municipal level, not the federal level. This will allow municipalities to address their housing needs, as well as plan for their future needs. We will be raising corporate taxes to pre 2008 levels and will be expanding Canada's housing programs. We believe universal housing will eliminate poverty. We will advocate for the inclusion of a clause into the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that everyone living in Canada is entitled to safe shelter or affordable housing. We will appoint a Minister of Housing to oversee the implementation of a National Affordable Housing Plan. We will provide rent supplements or shelter assistance for an additional 40,000 low income households per year, for ten years. We will provide credit and loan guarantees for not for profit housing organizations (just like yours) for the building and restoration of quality, energy-efficient housing for seniors, people with special needs, and low-income families.



Richard Clark
Conservative Party of Canada

Our approach has been to allow flexibility for local leaders to design programming that meets their specific needs. Our broad range of activities- including supporting temporary shelter, transitional and supportive housing, and assisted housing for low-income households- supports the people who need the support the most.



Alex Godbold
New Democratic Party

First, there are a number of NDP non-housing responses to the predicaments of persons in the categories above. We promise to boost the Guaranteed Income Supplement by \$400 million, for example, to ensure no senior falls below the poverty line. We intend to address disability and mental health concerns through targeted programs in the health budget. We promise additional support to women's shelters and to organizations serving the female victims of abusive relationships. Similarly, we are committed to reforming the EI system to address the needs of the long-term unemployed and the need for skills development and retraining as part of EI supports.

As for addressing housing needs, specifically, a number of the NDP commitments described earlier are intended to include support for social housing initiatives developed by local bodies, whether municipal, non-profit or cooperative-sponsored. The important thing is to be able to respond to locally defined needs and to tap the energy and local expertise in addressing local affordable housing needs. We will reverse Stephen Harper's war and witch-hunt on civil society advocates for social investment. The NDP regards such organizations and their members as a critical piece of the effort to ensure Canadians right to adequate and affordable housing is effective.



Bernadette Jordan
Liberal Party of Canada

This is a very important issue in our riding with a high percentage of seniors living on a fixed income, a lower median income in our provinces and higher levels of family violence than many other provinces. Our proposed scheme specifically targets housing for seniors and families with children.

I am personally very interested in working with colleagues across parties and levels of governments to address mental health services and mental illness prevention in an upstream way. I would be interested in exploring programs addressing housing for those with a greater than average need as part of that. Again, I think a core component of this is working with groups who already understand these issues well in our communities and look to them for guidance and input on how to build these relationships and effective ways to use these resources.



South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Healthy, affordable housing options for all, at every stage of life

Affordable Housing is a Federal Election Issue!

MAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AN ELECTION ISSUE:

During this federal election campaign, you can raise awareness about the need for action on Affordable Housing by the federal government by:

- learning more about the housing needs in your community;
- asking questions of candidates at the door and debates;
- talking to your family, friends and neighbours about the need for action on Affordable Housing in your community – and across Canada;
- following the South Shore Housing Action Coalition on social media (Facebook and Twitter) and sharing information about affordable housing;
- finding out more about SSHAC and getting involved!

DID YOU KNOW?

Affordable housing improves:

- health outcomes and lowers health care costs
- safety and lowers crime rates and justice system costs
- community sustainability through enhanced social inclusion and a more stable tax base.

63% of Canadians believe new affordable housing will make life better in their communities.

Housing Quick Facts

CANADA

- 850,000 lower rent units (\$800/mo and less) have been lost in the last decade.
- One third of Canadian households rent their homes.
- One in five renters pay more than 50% of their income on housing.
- Only 11% of housing starts since 2006 have been intended as rental units.
- One third of Canada's social housing stock is at risk with the termination of long-term federal subsidies.
- At least 200,000 Canadians experience homelessness each year.
- More than 5 million Canadian households are now spending more than 30% of their income on housing related costs.

LUNENBURG & QUEENS

- Nearly half (45%) of renters pay more than 30% of their before-tax income on housing related costs.
- Average rents range from \$619.00 to \$726.00. More than 25% of households have a median before-tax income of less than \$23,000. Those with an income of \$23,000 can only afford \$575 a month on rent before they are spending more than 30% of their income on housing, placing them at increased risk for housing vulnerability or homelessness.
- A significant number of rental units in Lunenburg and Queen Counties require major repairs, placing the families who live in them in risky situations for health and safety.
- The scarcity of new rental housing construction in Lunenburg and Queens is worsening the affordability and availability of housing.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MAKE IT AN ELECTION ISSUE

Questions to ask the Candidates

- In your opinion, what are the housing needs of people living in the communities in the riding of South Shore - St.Margaret's?
- If you are elected, what role will you play in addressing housing needs in this riding?
- What are your thoughts on the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a National Housing Plan?
- How will you and your party take action on affordable housing at the federal, provincial and local levels?
- What action will you and your party take to protect and expand affordable, accessible housing options for the most vulnerable members of our communities (for example, seniors, persons with disabilities and mental health concerns, women leaving abusive relationships, the working poor, people living with unemployment and fixed income, homeless youth, and others)?

WHAT CAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DO?

- Develop and implement a federal housing strategy focused on reducing homelessness and securing adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians.
- Protect Canada's existing and longstanding \$2.12 billion annual federal affordable housing programs and agreements.
- Preserve rent and operational subsidies for existing social housing as the need is identified and create a new Capital Repair and Regeneration Program with remaining funds.
- Preserve and increase affordable rental housing through innovative tax incentives.
- Build on proven practices like Housing First and other programs that provide housing support and reduce homelessness.

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www.cachc.ca

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (2015):
Built to Last: Strengthening the Foundations of Housing in Canada and Strengthening Canada's Hometowns: A Roadmap for Strong Cities and Communities.
www.fcm.ca

THE SOUTH SHORE HOUSING ACTION COALITION is a coalition among diverse and committed individuals and stakeholders working collaboratively to build awareness and take action on the need for quality, safe, affordable housing in Lunenburg and Queens Counties in particular, and Nova Scotia in general.

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