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Co-op Housing in Crisis: National Housing Day in Canada, November 22

On November 22 at 11:00 A.M. the Right to Housing Coalition will be holding a press conference to highlight the growing problem created by the expiring operating grants that have been helping to pay the subsidies for social housing. As the mortgages on social housing are paid off the operating grants that are attached to the mortgages cease. Some housing developments can exist without these grants but others, those that have the most subsidized units, will be forced to start charging market rents in order to survive. Unless the federal government steps forward to work out a better solution the result will make thousands of Canadian households homeless. This press conference will be part of a nationwide campaign to address this pending housing disaster. <http://action4housing.wordpress.com/>

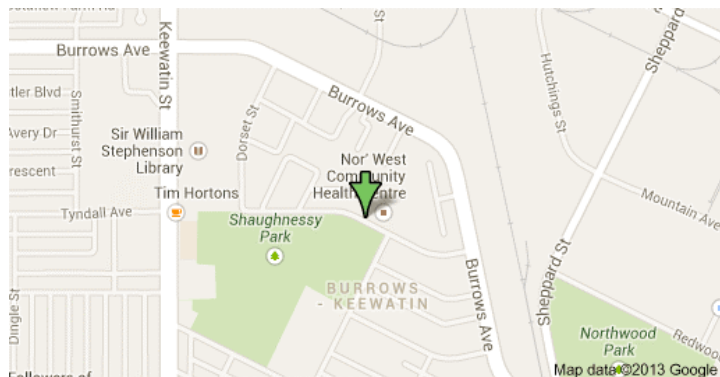
Friday November 22, is National Housing Day. November 22 is recognized by the federal government and in communities across Canada, as a day to mark the importance of affordable housing in the health and lives of individual Canadians and in the population and economic health of the entire country. Yet between 150,000– 300,000 people are homeless in Canada, and millions more are living in inadequate or unaffordable housing. Canada is the only major industrialized country without a national housing program. Aboriginal peoples, racialized communities, people with disabilities, women, seniors and other marginalized groups are disproportionately affected by housing insecurity.

The press conference will be held at 101-61 Tyndall Ave, (off Burrows), Willow Park East Housing Co-op Ltd, a housing co-op that is facing the end of rent subsidies as the result of lack of action by the Federal Government. Hear from residents and researchers about this problem that, if not resolved, will add to the critical affordable housing shortage in Canada and create more homelessness.

For more information call:

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Refreshments provided

Date: Friday Nov. 22

Time: 11:00 AM

Address, 101-61 Tyndall Ave, (off Burrows)

Raging Grannies will sing

Clark Brownlee, Moderator

Tammy Robinson, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

Christina Maes Nino, Researcher, Social Planning Council

Anita Durand, President, Willow Park Housing Co-op