



FIRST NATIONS INFORMATION SHEET 3

“Aboriginal people receive free housing”

Facts:

- Métis and non-status Indians do not receive free housing.
- Registered (status) Indians who live on-reserve can apply for funds through their local band council to build or renovate their homes. In many cases, they repay these loans over a number of years.
- To be eligible for these funds, the house must be on the reserve.
- These funds vary by reserve.
- On some reserves, there is no successorship of ownership.
- On many reserves, the house is owned but the land is not – therefore it cannot be sold.
- There is limited space available for housing. Once the reserve is full, there is no room for more, even if there is population growth.

For more information on the First Nations Committee, please contact the Hospital Employees' Union at 604-456-7192 (press 2) or toll-free 1-800-663-5813, extension 7192 (press 2).