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## *Maintenance Inspections for Métis Urban Housing*

**Once again Annual Inspections will begin in May 2018 and continue until the end of July 2018, Tenants will be advised in writing when the unit will be inspected. This is a great time for spring cleaning and decluttering your house and yard.**

- ∞ Ensure the locks are original to the unit, if we are unable to access unit, we will change the locks and charge this service back to you.
- ∞ Ensure the cabinets under bathroom and kitchen sinks are clear of clutter to be able to access the plumbing.
- ∞ Smoke detectors need to be put back into place and in working order.
- ∞ Move all items away from the hot water tank and furnace. Change the furnace filter and make sure there are working lights in the basement and others rooms in your house.
- ∞ If you have pets please make sure you do not lock your pets in rooms that we need to access.
- ∞ Clean yard of all garbage , if you have a pet this includes cleaning up after them as well.
- ∞ Make a list of concerns about your unit, and give or leave for our maintenance team.
- ∞ Ensure all rooms are accessible.
- ∞ If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Tenant Relations Officer.



## Tenant Profile

*I would like to thank Métis Urban Housing for giving my children and I the opportunity to reside in Métis Housing. We became tenants in August 2016 and we absolutely love our home. My children have a fenced yard and I was finally able to get them a trampoline that they wanted for so long. Being a single parent on a single income definitely has its challenges. Without the subsidized housing, I would definitely struggle financially. I have awesome Métis Housing advisors, Brenda Kelly, Yvonne Pebbles and Denise Fayant. These wonderful ladies helped me connect with getting a washer and dryer when I first moved in, KidSport applications and always respond to my inquiries in a timely manner. My unit was beautiful when I moved in and I will continue to keep it beautiful. Thank you Métis Urban Housing.*



*Sincerely,  
April Nabess*

## Budgets Can Be Great!

We began our household budget in the summer of 2007. At the time, we had three small children aged three, five and six and were quite financially strapped. My husband and I were tired of living paycheck to paycheck, so we made the decision to start a budget and stick with it for a whole month to see how we felt. As the month went on what surprised us the most was how much **more** money we felt we had to make ends meet, even though we did not have any more money than before. Needless to say: we have been budgeting ever since and could not imagine our lives without it!

To begin there are a few simple steps to follow:

1. Pick a period (usually one month) and track your spending (this will give you a better idea of your variable expenses).
2. Find or create a budget template, there are plenty of templates online. Your balanced budget should include your **income less your savings and expenses**.
3. Prepare a balanced budget.

**TIP:** Manipulating your variable expense (groceries, clothing, entertainment etc.) is the easiest way to balance the budget.

Check out the link below to help you get started with your own budget and take charge of your finances.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/make-budget.html>



**To Apply for Housing go to [www.metiscapital.ca](http://www.metiscapital.ca)**

## *Tenant Survey*



The tenant survey is included with this mail out. Métis Urban and Métis Capital Housing are conducting a tenant survey to help us monitor satisfaction with the services we provide. You can complete the paper version we sent you by good old fashion snail mail or you can complete the survey on-line by visiting the web site: [www.metiscapital.ca](http://www.metiscapital.ca) and click on the Tenant Survey button.

**\*\*Please note the return date for the survey is being extended to May 30, 2018.** Thank you in advance for your valuable feedback.

## *Paperless Project—Join Us!*

Help us reduce the usage of paper and save the trees!! If it's ok with you, there are documents we would like to send you by email. How do I participate you ask?

**Send an email to: [gopaperless@muhcab.ab](mailto:gopaperless@muhcab.ab)** indicating you would like to receive future information from us via email or you can let your TRO know. This could include our quarterly newsletter, tenant surveys, leases, community events, consultations and other information we feel is important for you to receive.

## *Upcoming Events*

**Watch your inbox for these event dates:**

- ∞ **Pancake Breakfast**
- ∞ **Tenant Appreciation Community BBQ's**
- ∞ **Tenant Consultations**
- ∞ **Tenant Information Sessions on Resume Writing, Job Hunting and more**



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## *Nihgi Lodge-Vacancies Available*

The Nihgi Métis Seniors Lodge is respectfully dedicated to the well-being of our Métis, Indigenous, Non-Indigenous Elders and Veterans. The suites are furnished and enable the residents to live in an independent apartment style setting with a range of supported services. **No Damage Deposit required.**

**For Further Information please contact:**

Telephone: **780-471-2443** or email: [nihgi@metiscapital.ca](mailto:nihgi@metiscapital.ca)



Typical suite layout.

## *Renaissance Tower-Vacancies Available*

Do you know someone who would like to live in the Renaissance Tower? Renaissance Tower is located at 9505 105 Avenue, right in the heart of Boyle Street Community. There are one and two bedroom suites with many different layouts available. On-site staff is available to address tenant concerns and to book unit tours.

**For Further Information please contact:**

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Fire bowl and view from 7th floor balcony.



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