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### **Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing available for comment on the gender equity gap in housing on International Women's Day**

Unceded Territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations — Vancouver, BC — March 7, 2023 —

March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD), a global day to recognize and celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and girls. It is also a call to action for gender equity.

This International Women's Day, the [\*Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing \(PCVWH\)\*](#) is demanding action to address the inequities in access to safe, affordable, appropriate housing for women, their children, and gender-diverse people in all communities across Canada.

The *Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing* is available to speak to the urgent need for improvements that matter to women, their children and gender-diverse people experiencing homelessness, who are precariously housed, and/or fleeing violence.

- **Janice Abbott is available in British Columbia**
- **Chevi Rabbit is available to speak to Transgender-Two Spirit Housing Needs**
- **Anne Landry is available in Alberta**
- **Cindy Chiasson is available in the Yukon**
- **Twyla Etchinelle is available in the North West Territories**
- **Janine Harvey is available in the North West Territories**
- **Lori Deets is available in Saskatchewan**
- **Taylor Richards is available in Manitoba**
- **Annick Mondat Allemann is available in Prince Edward Island (*bilingual*)**

As billions of dollars are being invested by governments and the private sector to increase housing supply, households led by women and gender-diverse people continue to be disproportionately impacted by unmet housing needs.

**Quick Stats:**

- 9,078 women and girls in Canada experience homelessness on any given day.
- 1,000 women and their children are turned away from Violence Against Women shelters on an average day. Most will return to situations of violence and precarity because of it.
- 90% of families using emergency shelters are headed by single women.
- 43% of gender-diverse people reported experiencing discrimination from their landlords and/or property managers on the basis of gender.

To help increase the awareness of these problems, the *Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing* will be offering a free training series to , women and gender-diverse people with lived expertise – past or current – of barriers to safe, secure, appropriate and affordable housing can participate in a series of online advocacy training sessions hosted by. Details here: <https://pcvwh.ca/she-they-us/skills-sessions/>

*The [Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing \(PCVWH\)](#) is a national project focused on ensuring housing policies across Canada include and prioritize women, their children and gender-diverse people. PCVWH is overseen by a national Advisory Committee and through its annual symposium, PCVWH is convening important conversations with activists, academics, elected officials, and decision-makers from coast-to-coast-to-coast about why elevating the voices of women and gender-diverse people is essential work for all of us who care about housing.*

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