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As Affordable Housing Specialist with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Kristina works across the province with stakeholders to encourage partnerships and facilitate housing solutions that meet the housing needs of Canadians through the National Housing Strategy. Over the past 15 years, Kristina has held various roles in the housing industry in both the public and private sectors. Her experience includes project management, financing, program development and delivery, and client support.

Kristina is excited to participate in the Heritage Forum and work towards introducing innovative concepts in the housing market utilizing historic buildings.

## **Repurposing Historic Buildings for Affordable Housing**

The National Housing Strategy is a 10-year, \$40 billion plan creating a new generation of housing in Canada giving more Canadians affordable homes. Through the NHS, the federal government is bringing together the public, private and non-profit sectors to engage in affordable housing, including the conversion of non-residential properties.

Across Canada repurposed historic buildings have proven to be a good source of affordable housing stock and CMHC has been involved in a number of historic building conversions. This presentation will provide an overview on some of these projects, including a recently completed project in Saskatchewan – The Elizabeth Retirement Community in Humboldt. Information on construction, technical considerations, partnerships and financing structures for the repurposing of these building will be provided.

We will show you how the current Initiatives under the National Housing Strategy can be utilized by your community to give historic buildings a viable new use and serve an important need, giving more Canadians a place to call home.