

Siksika Housing Department Affordable Homeownership Program

Application Guide

The Siksika Housing Affordable Homeownership Program allows for the transfer of unoccupied mortgage-free Siksika Homes to Siksika Nation Members for the purpose of homeownership accommodation. This program has been endorsed by Chief and Council, and will have two options for Nation Members as follows:

- 1. Option 1: Owner-led renovation
- 2. Option 2: Housing-led renovation

Details on the renovation process are provided in the Steps to Ownership Guide.

As a homeowner on Siksika lands you accept responsibility for maintaining the condition and insurance on your home and therefore you are not required to make a monthly maintenance fee or rent payments to Siksika Housing Department.

To be eligible for the Siksika Housing Program interested applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Must be a Siksika Nation Member (Proof will be requested)
- 2. Not have any outstanding accounts owing to Siksika Housing.
- 3. Must be pre-approved for financing through BMO or the First Nations Market Housing Fund. (Contact Nelson Breaker at NelsonB@siksikanation.com to apply).
- 4. Must provide a home inspection report by a certified home inspector and detailed cost estimate and renovation workplan to Housing, with a 25 percent contingency (to cover any cost escalations).
- 5. Must be using the house for accommodations and not as a private rental.
- 6. Must be willing to give up occupancy if currently residing in a Siksika House that is designated as part of the rental program.
- 7. Ensure you are able to accommodate the financial need of the repairs that have been identified by Siksika Housing.
- 8. Siksika Housing will consider the transfer of a Siksika House that you are

currently residing in provided it meets the criteria for this program.

Please note that approved applicants must complete all identified repairs within 1 year of approval, pay a \$1 transaction fee to Siksika Housing Department and execute the Siksika Nation Custom Allotment Agreement for Residential Purposes.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the Siksika Housing Affordable Homeownership Application Form and submit it to Siksika Housing Department in person or via email at: housing@siksikanation.com

Houses will be transferred on a first come, first serve basis.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the Siksika Housing Department.