

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING

The Thunder Bay Housing Authority on behalf of the Ministry of Housing will conduct a survey to determine the need and demand for senior citizen housing in Schreiber.

A research analyst will estimate the number of senior citizens living in the community whose housing is inadequate or who are spending more than they can afford on accomodation.

The demand in the area for such Ontario Housing Corporation accomodation on a rent-geared-to-income basis will be determined from information gathered through advertising, direct mail questionnaires, interviews and applications on file with the local housing managers.

The study, which will begin soon, was requested by the Municipal Council of the Township of Schreiber.

It will include an assessment of economic trends, growth factors and current and future housing needs in the municipality.

Letters outlining OHC's senior citizen rental housing program will be mailed to senior citizens, asking them if they wish to participate. If an interested senior citizen does not receive a questionnaire by mail, he or she may obtain one from the Municipal Office.

A typical senior citizen apartment consists of a bedroom, living room, bathroom and a kitchen which is equipped with a stove and refrigerator. In larger cities senior citizen accomodation may be provided in high-rise buildings, but in most communities the typical senior citizen development is a one or two-storey building.

After it receives the result of the survey, the municipality can initiate the development process by adopting a resolution asking O.H.C. to provide the

required accomodation.

Senior citizen housing is erected at no capital cost to the municipality. The Federal Government, through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, lends O.H.C. 90 per cent of the capital cost and the province lends O.H.C. the balance. Both governments are repaid by O.H.C. with interest.

O.H.C. makes an annual grant to the municipality to cover normal municipal taxes. The Federal Government pays half the cost of rent subsidies, the Provincial Government pays 42½ per cent, and the municipality 7½ per cent.

On behalf of the Municipality of Schreiber the Reeve urges all senior citizens who are interested in senior citizen housing to complete the form and mail it to: Thunder Bay District Housing Authority, 6th Floor, Thunder Bay Hydro Bldg., 34 N. Cumberland St., Thunder Bay "P", Ontario.

There will be a representative of the Thunder Bay Housing Authority in Schreiber at the Chimo Club on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. to provide all interested senior citizens with further information.

The following maximum rates apply when room and board are used in calculating minimum wage:

- a) room..... (weekly) 11.00
- b) meals..... (each) 1.15 OR (weekly) 24.00
- c) both room and meals..... (weekly) 35.00

You can get more information about the new Minimum Wage rates and the Employment Standards Act by writing or phoning:

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