
SUBJECT**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

ISSUE

What are the government priorities regarding housing in the Speech from the throne?

RESPONSE

- **Mr. Speaker, as we heard in the speech from the throne, housing will continue to be a priority for our government.**
- **In 2017, we made a historic move by re-engaging in housing with the first National Housing Strategy (NHS), now a 10-year, \$72+ billion plan that will give more Canadians a place to call home.**
- **We are committed to building more units per year and increasing affordable housing. The Government will also help families buy their first home sooner with a more flexible First-Time Home Buyer's Incentive, a new Rent-to-Own program, and by reducing the closing costs for first-time buyers.**
- **Housing can also contribute to Canada's climate change goals by reducing energy consumption and related carbon emissions of new and existing housing and designing communities for active transportation and efficient public transit.**
- **By making the National Housing Strategy climate compatible, we are taking steps and setting ambitious goals to support Canada's climate change initiative.**

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