

# Housing Needs Survey Questionnaire

2011

Adults 50 +

## Introduction

This Housing Needs Survey is being undertaken by the Performing Arts Lodges of Winnipeg which is a registered non-profit and charitable organization. The organization is an affiliate of **PAL Canada** whose mandate is to provide assistance to members and associates of Canada's Performing Arts Community in the areas of health, well-being and affordable accommodation.

The purpose of this survey is to assess the housing and service needs of adults and seniors who require affordable housing accommodation in Winnipeg. **Your participation is extremely important** in the planning and development of this proposed residential project, as well as to demonstrate the need and demand for the project's potential funders. **All information will be held in strict confidence in accordance with Canadian Privacy Law, and the data will only be used in aggregate form.**

If you need assistance completing this survey, please call one of these contacts;

|                           |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rea Kavanagh              | PAL Winnipeg              | 204 989-2400<br>rea80@mymts.net   |
| Rob Macklin               | PAL Winnipeg              | 204 339-9750<br>rmacklin@actra.ca |
| Doug Leeies or Roy Nichol | Acorn Dev Consultants Ltd | 204 982 2000                      |

**Please return the completed survey As Soon As Possible to;**

Acorn Development Consultants Ltd.

757 Henderson Hwy  
Winnipeg, MB R2K 2K7  
Attention: Doug Leeies

**Or, email to Acorn at: [info@lifelease.ca](mailto:info@lifelease.ca)**

**Or, fax to Acorn at 204-669-4509**

# Survey

Please complete all questions to the best of your ability. If you need assistance, have a question, or prefer to complete the questionnaire over the telephone, please call one of the individuals listed on the **Introduction** page above.

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mark the appropriate boxes below with an X.*

## ***Your Household***

1. Please describe your household?

Single person household?

Two person household?

More than two people?  If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Mobility***

2. Do you require the use of a wheelchair? Yes  No

3. Are you physically challenged? Yes  No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you drive a car? Yes  No

5. If you own a car, and you were to move downtown, would you give up your vehicle?

Yes  No  NA

6. If you have a vehicle, would you be prepared to pay an additional \$100 plus per month for parking? Yes  No  NA

7. How often would you expect to need visitor parking?

Once a week  Once a month  Not required

## ***A Little More About Yourself***

8. Do you currently;

Live with family? Yes  No

**Rent** your current residence? Yes  No

**Own** a house/condo? Yes  No

9. Please tell us your age group;

Below 50 years

50 to 54 years

55 to 64 years

65 to 74 years

75 & Over

10. Were you ever employed in the Arts and Entertainment Industry in the past?

Yes  No

11. Please tell us (estimate) into which range your combined gross annual household income from all sources falls (before taxes);

Under \$24,000

\$24,000 to \$45,000

Over \$42,500

12. In two years do you expect to be retired, or still working?

Yes working  Working part time  Not working  Fully retired

13. Are you currently paying rent or a total housing cost that exceeds 30% of your gross household income?

Yes  No

14. Is your current housing accommodation unsuitable, unmanageable, or in poor condition?

Yes  No

## ***Services***

15. Are you interested in an “independent living” apartment building where you have your own living and dining room, bedroom/s, bathroom and kitchen and where you do your own cooking and housekeeping?

Yes  No

16. Which of the following physical amenities would you consider important to have in this complex?

Common Activity Room/Stage Yes  No

Suite balconies/Patio Yes  No

In-suite Storage Space Yes  No

Common Garden Plots Yes  No

Common Internet room/office Yes  No

Studio/rehearsal space Yes  No

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. What are the **three most important** reasons that interest you in living in a new affordable housing project in Winnipeg? (check 3 boxes)

Prefer “maintenance free” housing

Do not like to live alone

Want the security and peace of mind

Love downtown

Want to be with other PAL members

My health is deteriorating/accessibility

## ***Project Location***

18. We are currently looking for a building site in “Urban Winnipeg”. Which of these Urban Winnipeg areas would you be prepared to live in?

South of Portage Yes  No

North of Portage Yes  No

Warehouse District West of Main St Yes  No

Exchange and Theatre District East of Main Yes  No

North end of Waterfront Drive near Disraeli Yes  No

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. If a new affordable 55+ housing project was available today in a location acceptable to you, how soon would you be prepared to move in?

Check one box below;

Immediately (as soon as possible)?

Within the next 6 months?

One or two years from now?

Keep me on the waiting list for now?

### ***Rents***

20. The Table below shows possible modest suite sizes and estimated monthly rents including all utilities, taxes, and maintenance (only phone and TV are not included in these numbers).

Would you pick a 1- bedroom or 2- bedroom suite at the rents and sizes shown? Rent would include heat, hydro and water utilities, taxes, maintenance, but not parking or laundry. - Select in right hand column.

| <b>Apartment type</b> | <b>Approximate size</b> | <b>Rent including utilities (2011)</b> | <b>Suite selection mark X below</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 bedroom suite       | 650 sq. ft.             | \$665 per month                        |                                     |
| 2 bedroom suite       | 800 sq. ft.             | \$890 per month                        |                                     |

Note: If the rents above exceed 27% of your income, some additional rental assistance may be available for a limited number of qualifying households.

21. Knowing the estimated non-profit rents above are approximately \$1.00/sq.ft. (of apartment size) per month, would you prefer a larger overall suite size and if so, please indicate your preferred suite size below (knowing you would have to pay correspondingly higher rents and no rental assistance would be available).

| <b>Apartment type</b> | <b>Preferred size</b> | <b>Monthly Rent estimated at \$1.00/sq.ft.</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 bedroom suite       | _____ sq. ft.         | \$_____  |
| 2 bedroom suite       | _____ sq. ft.         | \$_____  |

