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**Gimli Non Profit
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Press Release

Gimli receives Proposal Development Funding for ‘THE BEACHES’, a new proposed affordable housing project.

The Gimli Non Profit Housing Corporation (GNPHC) undertakes housing needs survey in Gimli to verify need for affordable housing.

Gimli, MB July 13, 2005 The GNPHC is a newly formed housing organization initiated by the Gimli Industrial Development Group (GIDG) and supported by the Rural Municipality of Gimli. This organization was formed in answer to a public petition for more affordable housing in the community. Subsequently the non-profit community group retained Acorn Development Consultants and applied to the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation for project development funding in order to undertake the development planning process.

The group intends to be in a strong position to submit a competitive project proposal in time for the next Expression of Interest call under the Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI). The AHI is jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments and a grant is provided to bring rents down to affordable market levels (currently \$495 for 1-bedroom suite, \$605 for 2-bedroom suite and \$755 for a 3-bedroom suite – rents include heat, light, water, taxes, and parking). It is expected the Municipality and the GIDG will also be financial partners in order to achieve a viable project.

Part of the process requires a Housing Needs Survey to confirm the need and type of affordable housing required. If you or someone you know is in need of affordable housing, you are requested to pick up and complete a survey at the RM of Gimli offices or visit www.lifelease.ca and download a survey. At this time a mix of one, two and three bedroom suites is possible, but this could change depending on the results of the needs survey. Target clients would include seniors and families. Surveys are required to be returned as soon as possible.

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