

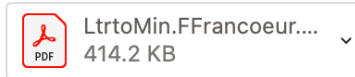
## Threat of Eviction in need of personal attention



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March 25, 2022

Honourable Lori Carr  
Room 303 - 2405 Legislative Drive  
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### **RE: RHA Eviction; Risk of Homelessness**

Greetings Minister Carr,

On your offer to personally address those living in homelessness or at risk of homelessness, I ask that you follow up with your staff immediately about the case of Frank Francoeur (see email exchange attached to this email). A single father of two in social housing with RHA, he was served with an eviction notice due to arrears arising from his transition to SIS. Despite agreeing to provide an upfront payment of \$440 towards the arrears and having now made that payment (proof attached), and negotiating (or attempting to negotiate) a payment plan going forward, I understand RHA will be proceeding with a hearing before the ORT on Monday. I also understand they will ask that Mr. Francoeur cover the cost of that hearing when he is already in arrears and expected to pay that back on inadequate SIS rates.

For RHA to seek an eviction for an amount owing of less than \$1,200 (much less now with the \$440 payment) arising from Mr. Francoeur's transition to SIS after he spent years paying his rent on time all because of the change to SIS is very disappointing and counterproductive. It also exposes a potential unfairness in how RHA is calculating rent under the changes to SIS. While Ms. Francoeur's shelter benefit has gone up on paper and so his calculated RHA rent is higher, he is paying his phone, medical bills, and utilities out of this new shelter amount. These were expenses that were either covered separately or appeared as separate line items under SAP. In short, Mr. Francoeur is not receiving more overall. While I have not had time to look into this more carefully given the urgency of this situation, it appears this is at odds with your Ministry's policy (see page 7 of your Housing handbook – excerpt attached).

Whether there has been an error in calculating Mr. Francoeur's arrears or not, given his down payment of \$404 and repeated requests for assistance to address this situation, the decision to proceed with a writ of possession hearing is very concerning. If this is representative of RHA's approach to dealing with housed individuals, it may go some distance in explaining some of the vacancies you have been sitting.

I trust this case will receive your immediate attention, particularly as children are involved.

Sincerely,

MLA, Regina Elphinstone Centre

cc: Clint Fox, Chief of Staff