

Aboriginal Housing Committee for British Columbia

Arrears Research Study



Bringing it Home



AHC-BC

- 12 members (8 First Nations, 2 CMHC, 2 INAC)
- To provide operational advice; and
- To develop strategies and assist with their implementation;
- To improve aboriginal housing in BC.

Arrears – The Perception

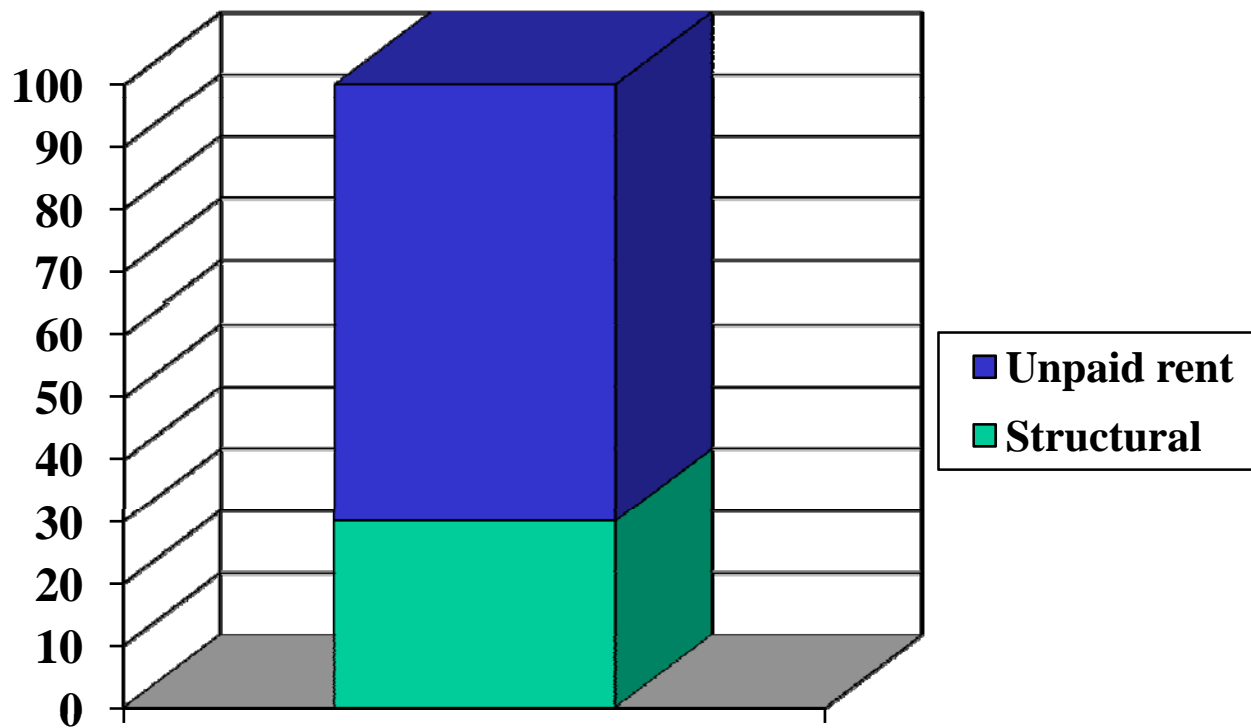
“Elephant in the room”

“Spiral Trap”

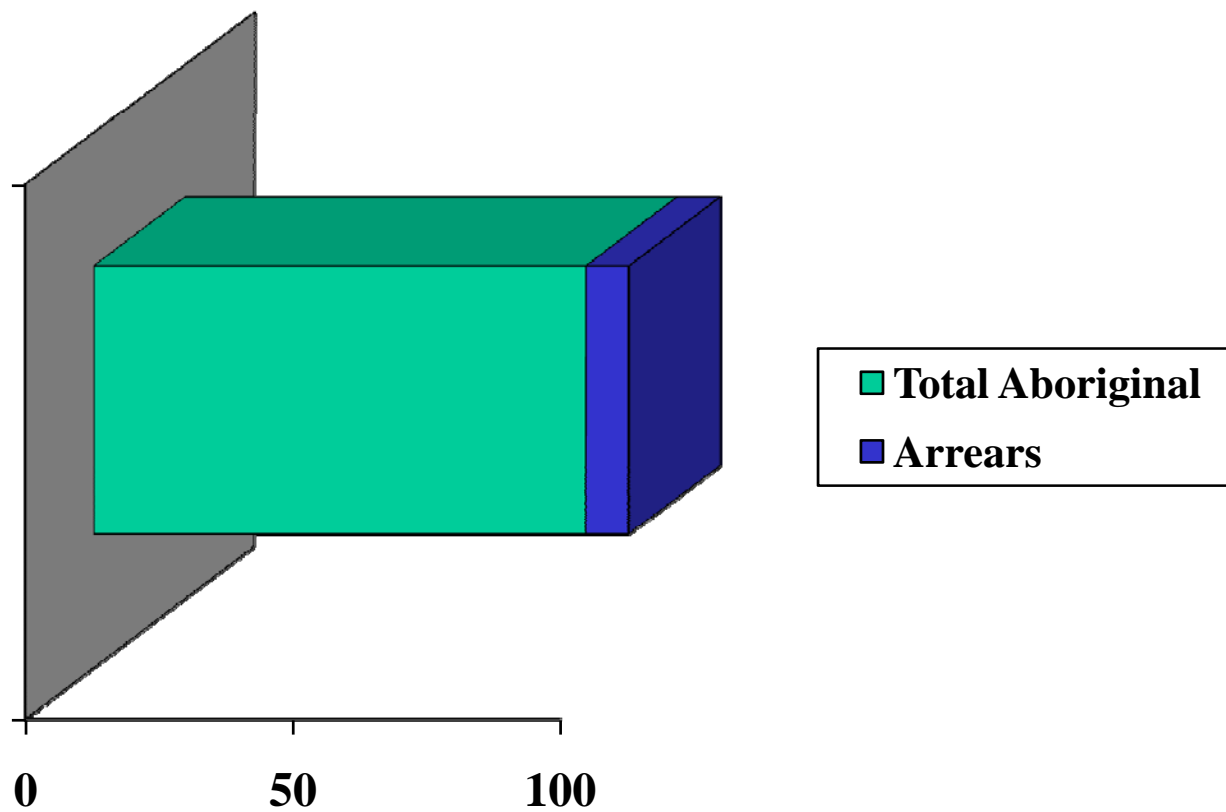


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WHERE?



WHO?





Side Effects

- Deficit – third party or remedial management (many million \$/year)
- Loss of other opportunities
- Services compromised (education, health, child & family, Elders)
- Poor governance discipline
- Fosters dependency attitude



Arrears Research Project

- Steering Committee (FNLC, CMHC, INAC)
- Coordinated by AHC-BC
- Final product not ready for distribution
- Research phase involving 39 FN communities- some input from INAC, CMHC and AHC

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Arrears Research Project

- The research project has just been submitted and has not been fully analyzed by AHC or the Steering Committee
- Now moving to the analysis and action plan phase



Study Recommendations

- 1. Develop a Housing Delivery System:**
A one-stop source for the tools and advice required to manage First Nations housing portfolios.
- 2. Build Capacity:** Develop and deliver standardized, accessible and affordable housing management training programs.



Recommendations (...2)

- 3. Educate Communities:** about the problem and involve them in the solution.
- 4. Improve Governance:** Train Chiefs and Councils on the effective development, adoption and enforcement of housing policy.



Recommendations (...3)

- 5. Enforce Policy:** Develop an enforcement model for on-reserve housing that works (options).
- 6. Fund Housing Staff:** Design a funding program for on-reserve housing staff to improve stability and continuity in housing departments.



Recommendations (...4)

- 7. Review Federal Programs:** Examine current program guidelines, subsidy formulas, insurance and reporting requirements under Federal programs
 - Structural arrears
 - CMHC/INAC on-reserve housing policy and program review



Next Steps

- AHC-BC to provide its analysis
- The report including recommendations and AHC analysis will be given to the BC MOU Technical Committee for consideration and inclusion in the On-Reserve Housing Action Plan



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