

ASCHA 2017 Resolution 1

Alberta Carbon Levy

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta under the Climate Leadership Implementation Act, Bill 20/2016 (Chapter C-16.9), has introduced a provincial carbon levy as of January 1, 2017 to reduce the carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions in Alberta;

WHEREAS ASCHA and its members support initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions and want to be part of the solution;

WHEREAS regulated housing providers that provide publically supported housing, independent living, supportive living, designated supportive living and rent regulated accommodation are charged the carbon levy;

WHEREAS the carbon rebate goes to low and middle income individuals and families in regulated housing who do not pay the utility bills and have no ability to utilize the rebate to reduce the carbon footprint in a congregate setting, which is the intent of the levy;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has introduced provincial carbon incentives to businesses and communities to physically reduce their energy consumption through energy efficiency initiatives;

WHEREAS the provincial carbon incentives to businesses and communities do not begin to address the requirements needed to reduce the carbon footprint of the aging infrastructure in this housing segment;

WHEREAS the regulated housing providers have no resources to change or enhance the current infrastructure, or to change the behavior of their residents, to make the necessary reductions that will sufficiently influence greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS regulated housing providers are committed to reducing the carbon footprint, without a workable solution the carbon levy will increase operating and capital expenses, impacting the quality of accommodation and accommodation services for Albertans residing in their buildings; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASCHA urges the Government of Alberta to exempt Management Housing Bodies from the Alberta Carbon Levy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ASCHA will advocate Alberta Seniors and Housing for additional capital funds to change the infrastructure to lower the use of fuels that emit greenhouse gas emissions.

Submitted by the Board of Directors of
Barrhead and District Social Housing Association

Approved by ASCHA Members at the March 23, 2017 Annual General Meeting

Regulated Housing Providers means seniors housing providers who are regulated in any way by the Government of Alberta including the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act, the Alberta Housing Act, etc. Accommodation fees and/or rent is regulated by the Alberta Housing Act or set by Alberta Health and targeted through the Supplementary Accommodation Benefit.