

OFFICE PROFILE: NORTH SLAVE DISTRICT OFFICE



The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation's North Slave District Office serves clients in Yellowknife, Behchoko, N'dilo, Dettah, Lutsel K'e, Whati, Gameti and Wekweeti.

The office has a staff of eleven people, including District Director Andy Tereposky, Administrative Assistant Norelda Sorenson, District Controller Penny Kocik, Contracts Administrator Susie Hanna, Manager, Technical Daniel Korver, Technical Advisors Gil Lafferty and Milt Pittman, Manager, Programs Michael Keohane, Programs Advisors Gerry Cheezie, Jessica Relucio and Bonnie Leonardis.

"We've got about 120 capital projects a year. Some are major projects such as construction of new units, and some are minor such as repairs and renovations," said Andy Tereposky, who has been the District Director of the North Slave since 2008. "We're a very busy office," he said.

During the 2013 - 2014 year, the office completed a 19-plex in Yellowknife and a 9-plex in Behchoko. The North Slave office oversees four Local Housing Organizations (LHOs); Yellowknife, Behchoko, Lutsel K'e and Yellowknives Dene First Nation Housing Division. The most popular program accessed through the office is Contributing Assistance for Repairs and Enhancements (CARE).

In the 2013-14 period, the North Slave District Office assisted 113 clients. 21 clients had major renovations completed on their homes thus enabling these homeowners to have necessary repairs to ensure safe and healthy residences and to increase the useful economic lives of their homes. 71 more homeowners took advantage of the annual preventive maintenance program offered as part of the CARE Program. 3 people became new homeowners through receiving downpayment assistance through the PATH program, while 3 more are receiving the opportunity to prepare for homeownership through HELP. The new emergency repair program, SAFE, also provided assistance to 15 clients for items which required immediate assistance.

"We spend about 70 to 80 per cent of our time on programs," Andy said. "We encourage people to take advantage of the preventative maintenance program and emergency repair program offered by the NWTHC to ensure issues are taken care of before they become a major problem with their home."

Andy said the office works in a collaborative fashion with contractors and clients. He regularly attends meetings with local bands, boards and councils in order to get feedback from the community.