Antigonish Affordable Housing Society taking applications

The Antigonish Affordable Housing Society (AAHS) is now accepting applications from potential tenants living on low incomes for 10 new affordable housing units now under construction at Riverside Estates.

The multi-family building includes six two-bedroom and four one-bedroom units. Two of the one-bedroom ground floor apartments will be barrier-free.

The deadline for applications is May 16.

Application forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Town Hall, Municipal Office, the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, and the circulation desk at the People's Place Library. Forms can also be downloaded from the AAHS website antigonishaffordablehousing.ca

The AAHS tenant selection

committee will process applications, as they are received. Priority will be given to those who are most in need of housing, based on a scoring system used by the committee to review the applications.

"We know the struggles people living on low incomes face, so compassion considerations are built into the application process. The applicants with the highest scores, and therefore the greatest need, will be interviewed. We usually interview three people for every unit before we make our final selection," Carleton MacNeil, AAHS community navigator, who sits on the committee, said.

MacNeil reviews applications and offers applicants an opportunity to clarify, add or delete information, before their applications are scored by the committee.

Potential applicants with any questions about the process are encouraged to contact MacNeil at 902-318-3732.

The multi-family building, which is expected to be ready for occupancy in September, will include a community room for residents to meet and to invite others to their new home.