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The NETWORK was created in 2008 with the goal of improving the quality of life of the Aboriginal people in the greater Montreal area through a coordinated and concerted approach to align our collective interests in supporting locally-driven initiatives. The homeless working subcommittee was created in 2009, as a subcommittee of the social services working committee.

Over the last few years our vision for this working committee has been to come together to improve the quality of life for the aboriginal community in Montréal by addressing social issues and concerns related to homelessness. Our mandate has been to identify and fill the gaps in services.

The members of the homelessness working committee include the Native Friendship Center of Montreal, the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, Projets Autochtones du Québec, Chez Doris, Open Door, Arrondissement Ville Marie, Secrétariat aux affaires Autochtones, the SPVM, Plein Milieu, and Exeko.

The objective of today's presentation is to share the results of one of the projects that we initiated: a first-time research project which sought to explore the expressed housing needs of First Nations and Inuit men and women in Montreal who are homeless or precariously-housed.

Thank you for your participation today,

The working subcommittee on homelessness of the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy NETWORK