



# Okanagan Indian Band

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Attention: All OKIB Social Housing Tenants

Re: Rent Payments and Methods during the Office Closure

Dear Tenants,

OKIB Housing department understands that it is a stressful period, and that many tenants are affected financially as well as health wise. For this reason, we are not planning on any evictions over this period, but we are still collecting rents and will be very flexible to accommodate. For this to occur, it is critical for tenants to communicate their needs and ability to meet their rents to the Housing Officer, Martina Lewis via email or phone.

If a tenant is unable to pay the full rental payments, please contact Martina as soon as possible to discuss what payment(s) can be made, over what period, and entering a repayment agreement. Rents will continue to be monitored against these repayment agreements.

To make rent payments, please see the information below:

- 1.** It is preferred that rents are paid via **etransfer** to [helen.wilson@okanagan.org](mailto:helen.wilson@okanagan.org). If etransfer is not possible, Helen will be in the office on Fridays from 10am to 12pm to receive rent payments by cash, debit or cheque. As well, post-dated cheques with the unit number identified can be mailed in to the Band office at 12420 Westside Rd Vernon, BC V1H 2A4.
- 2.** Any preauthorized debit rent payments will continue for April unless you have requested otherwise. If you wish to start preauthorized payments, please contact Helen via email or phone (250) 542-4328 for the debit form.
- 3.** If a renter is employed by OKIB, rent payments can be deducted from a person's pay cheque. Please connect with Misty at the Band Office for further details.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions/concerns, please contact me at 250-503-7987 or email at [martina.lewis@okanagan.org](mailto:martina.lewis@okanagan.org) .

Respectfully,

Martina Lewis  
Housing Officer  
Public Works & Housing, Okanagan Indian Band

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