



#### 4. Next Steps

Following the symposium, ministry staff have been busy researching and synthesizing the information gathered. Our immediate task was to incorporate the symposium ideas into a proposed Alberta Housing Policy which would be implemented through the Ministry's Business Plan. Since the Business Plan was to be reviewed by Standing Policy Committee in early fall, we needed to develop the proposed housing policy by the beginning of September 1998. To meet this time frame, much of our initial research focused on the priority items as determined by symposium participants. However over the coming months, we are committed to researching as many of the other ideas presented as possible. We are planning to hold further consultation meetings with you to discuss possible options for implementing the Alberta Housing Policy.

Feedback we have received on the symposium has been overwhelmingly positive. A large majority felt this symposium was such a good idea that they would like to see another in the near future. If you have any comments on when you would you like to see another symposium held, what format it should take and what topics should be included, we would like to hear from you.

We mentioned earlier in the report that we were unable to interpret some of the recorded comments and suggestions. These points were added to the tables for each stream under the sub-heading "Further Clarification Required". We would appreciate your further feedback on these points, if possible, because we don't want to miss any good ideas. As well, we welcome any new ideas you would like to put forward. Please send your comments, clarifications and new ideas to:

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