

HOME

A Blueprint for Community-Driven
Housing Production
in Nunavik

TERRITORY

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Inuit Housing Gathering
Kuujuuaq · February 3-4, 2025



In the context of our *Home as Territory* Blueprint :

- **Housing** is defined as a path towards thinking and building meaningful places that are meant to become homes.
- In being **community-driven**, it would be intended for all (Inuit and non-Inuit) committed to make a home in Nunavik.
- Its **production** would therefore care for a variety of life projects, and highlight the motivations, assets and tools for achieving them.

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MISSION

To support the **autonomy** of Inuit nations [peoplehood] by cultivating fertile grounds for **social innovation, justice and equity**, as well as for the production of **quality places to live** [homes].

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- 3. Empowerment of **communities**

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 Uvattini a Circle of Consent

Building Autonomy

Building Houses
 Sustainable ménagement/sparing

Building Capacity
 Meaningful engagement

Meaningful dwelling places

Preserving territory

Stories that empower

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Inventing a Nunavik Housing Group

[Uvattini: A Circle of Consent]

Such group would :

- Foster North-South and North-North cooperation and collaboration.
- Manage all housing issues in Nunavut.
- Ensure ethical and fair opportunities for all.
- Support community initiatives.
- Highlight Inuit traditions and cultural practices.

Trait d'union Philosophy

Sociocracy

Circularity and Inuit cosmology as organizational structure. @Uvattini

Sociocratic governance structure offers a thorough framework for decision-making deeply rooted in Inuit ways. @Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

Organizing in Circle Semi-autonomous decision loops embedded into each other, responsible for establishing values, orientations, practices.	Election by Consent Elections through argued nominations, ensuring the best possible representation, based on skills and aptitudes. @Leadership
Double-Linking Communication of informations and concerns are assured by the presence of members in multiple circles.	Consent-Based Decisions Decisions are approved by informed consent from all or rejected through reasoned and argued objections.



Trait d'union Philosophy

An Ethics of Care

"Caring [...] includes everything that we do to maintain, continue, and repair our 'world' so that we can live in it as well as possible."
...J. Tronto (1993), Moral Boundaries

An ethics of care provides a relational, ecological and collective framework to address contemporary challenges in the North, focusing on meaningful connections and respectful engagement. @Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

At One with the World Caring goes deep within our relation with our environments, viewing humans as part of a larger ecological system.	Make Habitable Caring tends to create conditions for meaningful life, a shared act of shaping environments to support life. @Participation
Engage Collectively Caring implies collective responsibility, working together towards common purpose, fostering companionship. @Sociocracy	Take Care Caring provides a safe space for people to learn and grow emotionally, creating a sense of belonging and identity.
Create Cultural Safety Caring involves repairing, not only physically but also spiritually, culturally and environmentally.	

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Coordinate
training

Towards a Blueprint

← BACKCASTING A VISION FORECASTING →

Envision

MOTIVATIONS

- + Sense of place
- + Tradition-innovation
- + Ethics of care
- + Creative frugality
- + Ressources and circularity
- + Community agency

Mobilize

ASSETS

- + Circle of consent
- + Arctic policies
- + Inuit leadership
- + Inuit ecological knowledge
- + Dwelling opportunities
- + Social economy

Innovate TOOLS

- + Construction principles
- + Arctic housing repertory
- + Renewable energy strategies
- + Regional regulations
- + Inclusive technologies

A Blueprint

Stories that empower

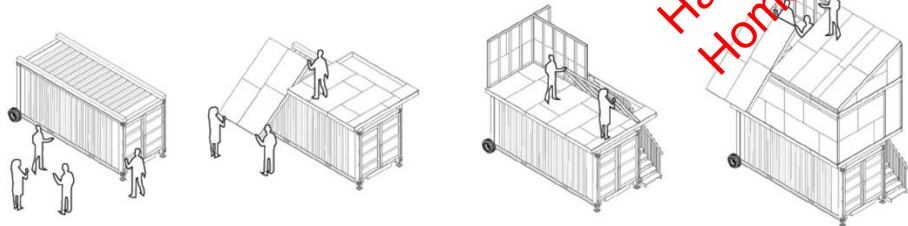
- = Meaningful dwellings
- = Housing policies
- = Appropriate construction training
- = Sparing and repairing the territory

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[Pilot project]

Recycling the sea container
as a foundation for

- Temporary housing
- Showcasing different construction techniques
- On-site training for Inuit Youth
(planned for Spring/Summer 2025)



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