

Invitation Letter for Manufactured Home Community Surveys

We are researchers from Simon Fraser University. We are conducting a research project titled “Home Ownership on Leased Land: The Historical-Institutional Roots and Everyday Life in Manufactured Home Parks in BC.” This project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Simon Fraser University. It is led by Professor [Yushu Zhu](#) of Urban Studies and Public Policy at SFU, who is working with the [Active Manufactured Home Owners Society](#) on this project.

You are invited to participate in **one or both** of the following surveys. Please also help share the survey with other community representatives or homeowners within your network. Thank you!

Purpose

Manufactured home parks are communities where individuals and families own their manufactured homes but rent land pads beneath them from landowners. These communities house more than 35,000 households and 65,000 residents across BC. This project aims to develop a better understanding of these communities, their history, presence, and future development. Specifically, we would like to investigate how changing political, economic, and social factors are shaping the development of these communities and residents’ everyday experiences.

Your participation

The survey serves to assess the current status and landscape of manufactured home communities across BC. **Both surveys are anonymous and take about 10-15 minutes to complete.** Your participation is completely voluntary, and you can withdraw from the survey at any time before submitting your response. However, you cannot withdraw once your anonymous response is submitted, as there will be no identifiable information to retrieve your response. There are no consequences if you decide not to complete the survey. Your experience and perspectives can help us and the broader society better understand these communities.

1. Community representative survey: We are looking for manufactured home community representatives to complete an anonymous survey about their community. You will be asked to provide information about your community, such as its general demographics, size of area, year of establishment, region of location, type of landlord, and community governance, etc.



If you would like to complete the survey **on behalf of** your community, please follow the [link](https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/mhcreps) (<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/mhcreps>) or scan the QR code above to access and complete the survey.

2. Homeowner survey: We also invite you to complete a survey as a manufactured home owner. You will be asked to provide information about your housing situation, community environment, community governance and basic demographic information.



If you would like to complete this survey, please follow the [link](https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/mhcowner) (<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/mhcowner>) or scan the QR code above to access and complete the survey.

Please kindly complete the survey by February 28, 2026.

Contact

For further questions concerning this research, please feel free to contact Yushu Zhu via email (yushu_zhu@sfu.ca). If you have any complaints about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the SFU Research Ethics & Security at hreb@sfu.ca or (1) 778-782-6593 with study reference number 30003429.