

# Manitoba Housing blasted for vacancies

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Sel Burrows, president of the Point Douglas Seniors Association and a spokesman for the North Point Douglas Residents Association, said there are more than a dozen vacancies alone at the Manitoba Housing highrise at 817 Main St.

As well, Burrows said he knows of four three-bedroom houses in the North Point Douglas neighbourhood that have been vacant for more than three months and a four-bedroom home empty for two years.

Darrell Jones, chief executive officer of Manitoba Housing, said the provincial organization does have a four per cent vacancy rate in Winnipeg, but he said the reasons are not that simple.

"It's a combination of some units not having a strong demand and the type of unit or the location," he said.

"People have preferred locations because of the proximity to employment. Others become comfortable in a neighbourhood and want to stay there."

Manitoba Housing, the province's largest landlord, has 45,000 units across the province, with 7,700 it directly manages in the city.

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