

Happy New Year!

The National Aboriginal Housing Association (NAHA) is a strong support of restoration of the Census Long Form. NAHA is working with the Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD) in legal efforts to have the long form restored.

Here is this week's Save the Census Campaign update, provided to NAHA by Peggy Taillon, President and Director General of the CCSD..

Census Caroling!

Over 50 people came out to our census carol at Yonge-Dundas Square on Wednesday, December 22nd. Even Santa made a surprise appearance with his list of people that were naughty and nice in 2010. To see whether you made the list, please follow the link below:

- [Datalibre Census Watch](#)

The census in the news:

- The *Globe and Mail*: **Make a top 10 public policy list, checked it twice, ticked the boxes on naughty and nice**
 - o The *Globe and Mail* lists the mandatory long-form census as one of the top public policy 'highlights' (lowlights?) in 2010.
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/opinion/made-a-top-10-public-policy-list-checked-it-twice-ticked-the-boxes-on-naughty-and-nice/article1851341/>
- The *Toronto Star*: **Travers: Being Canadian means taking ownership of Canada**
 - o James Travers writes about why the elimination of the long-form census was short-sighted and only hurts Canadians in the long run.
<http://www.thestar.com/article/915450--travers-being-canadian-means-taking-ownership-of-canada>
- The *Toronto Star*: **The numbers game: Will 2011 census controversy count once Canada's at the polls?**
 - o A great overview on the importance of a long-form census; what to expect with a potential election on the horizon; and whether Canadians can expect the census to be returned.
<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/912903--the-numbers-game-will-2011-census-controversy-cou>
- *Telegraphjournal.com*: **Census change will hurt survey**
 - o This piece outlines concerns from Saint John Community Foundation and how disregarding the long-form census jeopardizes the quality of data that is collected for important community pieces, like the Foundation's yearly *Vital Signs* report.
<http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/city/article/1366011>
- *Telegraphjournal.com*: **Sound decisions require good data**
 - o Another good article on why the census is crucial data for the *Vital Signs* report card.
<http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/search/article/1366943>
- *Telegraphjournal.com*: **Survey helps to guide funding**
 - o This article articulates the necessity of reports like *Vital Signs* and the recommendation that come out of these reports that are crucial to policy making, and program/service funding. <http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/city/article/1366045>

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Twitter: [@savethecensus](#)

Find out more at www.savethecensus.ca, www.datalibre.ca, and www.ccsd.ca.

For more information or to get actively involved with the campaign email info@savethecensus.ca.