



August CEO Message

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As we move into the final months of summer, I am pleased to share several exciting updates and opportunities with you. This continues to be a busy and important time for the First Nations Housing Professionals Association (FNHPA), and I want to thank our members, partners, and First Nations communities for continuing to contribute to the important work of strengthening housing capacity across First Nations.

Our [2025–2026 Annual Report](#) is now available! This report highlights the work FNHPA has accomplished over the past year, including our programs, training, partnerships, member engagement, and continued efforts to support housing professionals across the country. I encourage you to take a moment to learn more about the progress we have made together and the work ahead.

We are also excited to announce the launch of our First Nations Housing Career Pathways Research Project with Boreala Management. This important project will explore career pathways, opportunities, challenges, and professional development within the First Nations housing industry. Your voice is an important part of this research. First Nations housing staff and others with experience or interest in First Nations housing are encouraged to participate through a survey, interview, or focus group. Stay connected through our FNHPA social media and newsletter for the survey link and information on how to express your interest in an interview or focus group. Your experiences and perspectives will help inform future opportunities to strengthen and grow the First Nations housing workforce.

Our 5th Annual National Conference is also fast approaching! Registration is open for October 14–16, 2026, at Le Westin Montréal. This year's conference will bring together housing leaders, partners, and experts from across the country to connect, learn, share knowledge, and celebrate the work being done in First Nations housing. And don't forget about our amazing early-bird prizes! Register and pay by September 4 to be entered into our early bird draws. Winners must be present at the conference to receive their prize.

I am also pleased to highlight *Building Wellness Housing and Health, Stronger Together*, collaborative toolkit developed by FNHPA and the First Nations Health Managers Association (FNHMA). The toolkit provides practical tools, templates, promising practices, and First Nations-informed approaches to help housing and health professionals work together to support healthier homes and stronger communities. It is available for \$48 CAD, while FNHPA and FNHMA members receive a free digital copy as an exclusive member benefit.

Finally, I want to encourage our members to join us at our upcoming regional gatherings. These events are an important opportunity to connect with colleagues, share regional perspectives, learn about FNHPA programs and resources, and strengthen relationships within our housing community.

Our Manitoba Regional Gathering takes place September 9, 2026, followed by our Southern Ontario Regional Gathering on September 15 and 16, 2026. I look forward to seeing participants from these regions come together to share their experiences, challenges, successes, and ideas for the future.





There is so much happening across FNHPA, and I am grateful to everyone who continues to be part of this growing community. Whether through research, training, regional gatherings, our national conference, or the everyday work happening in First Nations communities, we are stronger when we work together to build housing capacity and support healthier, stronger communities.

I hope to connect with many of you in the coming weeks.

Upcoming August and September Events

- OFNTSC-Tech Nations 2026
August 18 - 19 in Sault Ste Marie, ON
- Keeper of my Home Presentation
August 21 in Saddle Lake, AB
- Manitoba Regional Gathering
September 9 - 10 in Winnipeg, MB
- Southern Ontario Regional Gathering
September 15 -16 in Collingwood, ON
- MRP Toolkit Training-BC/NWT/YK Region
September 22-23 in Victoria, BC
- Housing Governance and Leadership Workshop
September 22 in Moncton, NB

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