



Kwey Kakina (Hello Everyone),

I hope this message finds you well as we move into the vibrant autumn season, a time for change, growth, and new opportunities. I'm excited to share several important announcements that highlight the exciting developments happening at FNHPA.

First, it is my absolute pleasure to announce that **Canada's Got Talent 2024 winner, Rebecca Strong, will be our featured entertainment at the Third Annual FNHPA Conference!** Hailing from the Black Lake Denesuline First Nation, Rebecca is a proud, driven and resilient First Nation woman who has captured the hearts of Canadians with her soulful voice, and we couldn't be more thrilled to have her grace the stage at our event. Her inspiring journey and powerful performances will no doubt be a highlight of the conference.

Speaking of the conference, if you haven't already, I highly encourage you to register and secure your spot. This year's event promises to be our best yet, with a lineup of expert speakers, interactive workshops, and ample networking opportunities with housing sector specialists from across the country. Whether you're new to the housing field or a seasoned expert, this conference has something for everyone.

Additionally, I'm pleased to introduce our new Regional Manager and Regional Coordinators, who are here to help you navigate our programs, resources, and certification paths. They are your first point of contact for any questions or guidance as you and your teams work towards building housing capacity in your communities. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them:

- Darcie Anderson – Regional Relations Manager, Darcie@fnhpa.ca
- Dustin Gorst – Regional Relations Coordinator, Alberta, Dustin@fnhpa.ca
- Candace Garson – Regional Relations Coordinator, Northern Manitoba, Candace.g@fnhpa.ca
- Jeremy Parsons – Regional Relations Coordinator, Southern Manitoba, Jeremy@fnhpa.ca
- Kateri Stevens – Regional Relations Coordinator, Atlantic Region, Kateri.s@fnhpa.ca

We still have two Regional Relations Coordinator positions available, and we encourage you to apply or share with anyone who might be a great fit. This expansion marks an exciting milestone for us, and we can't wait to share more details about the collective impact we're making in our upcoming press releases.





Finally, I want to remind everyone to mark your calendars for the FNHPA National Conference taking place **November 26-28, 2024** at the **Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre**. This will be a unique opportunity to learn, share, and grow alongside fellow industry practitioners committed to advancing housing solutions in First Nations communities.

Together, we can continue to strengthen our housing management practices and build sustainable futures for our communities. I look forward to seeing you all in November!

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