



CEO Message- October 2025

Candace Bennett, CEO – First Nations Housing Professionals Association (FNHPA)

Kwey Kwey FNHPA Members,

As we step into the fall season, I'm filled with excitement and gratitude for the incredible momentum building at FNHPA. There is so much to look forward to in the weeks and months ahead — from new regional growth to important programs and our flagship annual gathering.

One groundbreaking update I'm thrilled to share is that FNHPA is officially expanding into Ontario, joining Alberta, Manitoba, and the Atlantic region. This expansion is a major milestone in our mission to support housing staff in more communities and strengthen capacity across the country. With a dedicated presence in Ontario, we'll be able to provide more localized support, deliver training and resources closer to home, and build even stronger partnerships with communities.

I was also honoured to recently join The Shane Hewitt Show on iHeartRadio to speak about the importance of sustainable, high-quality housing in First Nations communities. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vital work of FNHPA and celebrate the remarkable strides being made by you — the dedicated staff leading change in First Nations housing across the country.

Conversations like these help raise awareness on a national scale and underscore the importance of providing housing staff with the funding opportunities, education, and resources in building the capacity needed to create and maintain sustainable, high-quality housing. [Click here to listen now.](#)

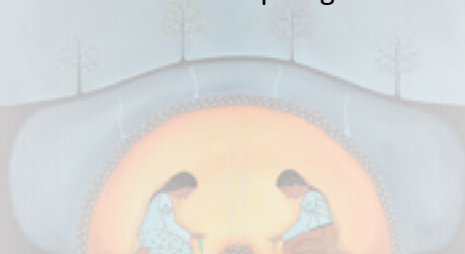
Upcoming events:

We're also excited to announce that the MRP team will be hosting a series of Regional Engagement Sessions. The next one will be:

- October 28–29 BC/YK/NWT Region- At the Hilton Vancouver in Richmond, BC
- November 4-5 MB/ON Region- At the Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites in Winnipeg, BC

Our Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) Program provides critical guidance and support to those facing the division of property during family breakdown or separation. This program ensures fair and culturally respectful solutions that protect families, homes, and communities. These sessions are designed to provide direct engagement, answer questions, and share best practices around matrimonial real property.

And of course, our biggest event of the year is just around the corner. The 4th Annual FNHPA National Conference takes place November 25–27 at TCU Place in Saskatoon, SK, and we can't wait to welcome you. This year's conference will feature inspiring success stories, hands-on workshops, and





powerful conversations focused on strengthening housing quality, expanding access, and building lasting capacity.

Nearly 300 participants are already registered, and our Trade Show is already full, and spots are filling up quickly. Last year, we had to turn people away due to high demand, so don't wait! Click [here](#) to register now and secure your spot today.

Thank you for your continued commitment and passion. Together, we are empowering housing staff, professionals, supporting communities, and building a brighter future for First Nations housing.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C. Bennett'.

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