



February CEO Newsletter

Kwey Kwey FNHPA members,

As February unfolds, the days are beginning to lengthen and the light is returning. With an early spring predicted on the horizon, it feels like a natural time to reflect on our progress and look ahead with optimism. This season brings both reflection and renewed momentum, and at FNHPA, that momentum is strong.

Over the past month, our team has been focused on strengthening the foundations that support our members through education, advocacy, and practical tools that respond to the realities of housing work on the ground. We are making steady progress on key initiatives that will enhance how members engage with FNHPA and access the resources they need to succeed.

One key area of focus is FNHPA's new Housing Management Assessment and Learning Pathway Tool. This culturally informed, strength-based capacity assessment has been in development behind the scenes for the past year, and today we are proud to share this important milestone with you.

The Housing Management Assessment and Learning Pathway Tool helps you assess both your personal housing management skills and your community's housing department capacity. When you complete the assessment, our analysts work securely with your data to highlight strengths and identify growth opportunities. Personalized reports guide you to the most relevant resources, creating a unique learning pathway for individual and organizational development in First Nations housing.

We believe these insights will help strengthen housing capacity, enhance program delivery, and ultimately improve quality of life for your citizens while protecting housing assets.

February is also a busy month for connection and collaboration. Our staff are looking forward to meeting many of you in person at upcoming gatherings across the country, including regional engagement sessions, conferences, and community events. These opportunities to connect are invaluable, not just for sharing knowledge, but for building relationships and learning directly from one another's experiences.

We are also continuing conversations about how to make FNHPA membership even more valuable. Membership is about more than belonging. It is about access, opportunity, and support. As we look ahead, we are exploring new partnerships, enhanced member benefits, and innovative ways to recognize and invest in the staff doing this critical work.

Thank you for your continued trust in FNHPA and for the work you do every day to strengthen housing in First Nations communities. Your commitment drives everything we do.

Upcoming Events:

- February 10–12: AFOA Conference, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montreal, Quebec
- February 18–19: MRP Regional Engagement Session 2 (AB–SK), Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre





- February 24–26: First Nations Housing Conference, Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- March 3–4: True Cost of Housing Workshop, Grey Eagle Resort, Calgary, Alberta, Tsuu T'ina Nation

I look forward to connecting with many of you soon and encourage your participation wherever possible. These events are key to strengthening our network, building capacity, and collectively advancing the First Nations housing sector.

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