



January CEO Newsletter

Looking Ahead With Purpose and Momentum

Kwey Kwey FNHPA members,

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to welcome you to 2026 and thank you for being part of the FNHPA community. A new year always brings reflection, but it also brings opportunity. I am entering this year with a strong sense of optimism and pride in what we continue to build together.

The past year was one of growth and connection. Our national conference brought together housing leaders from across the country, strengthened relationships, and reminded us just how powerful it is when we come together with a shared purpose. It was a clear reflection of the progress being made in housing departments and organizations nationwide.

In the months ahead, our focus will remain on strengthening capacity through education, certification, and practical tools that support the real work happening in communities every day. We are continuing to expand learning opportunities, enhance our Knowledge Centre, and roll out new resources that respond directly to the needs we are hearing from housing teams.

January is also a time to set intentions. Whether you are beginning a new role, continuing your certification journey, or leading change within your organization, know that FNHPA is here to support you. We are committed to walking alongside you with relevant training, strong advocacy, and a growing national network.

I am looking forward to connecting with many of you in person this year as FNHPA hosts and participates in several events across the country. These gatherings offer valuable opportunities to learn from one another, share experiences, and continue strengthening our network.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 27–28**

MRP Regional Engagement Session 1 (AB–SK), Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre

- **February 3–4**

Atlantic Gathering - Crowne Plaza Moncton Downtown, 1005 Main Street, Moncton, New Brunswick

- **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





I encourage you to attend if you are able. These events are an important part of how we stay connected, build capacity, and continue moving our sector forward together.

Thank you for your trust, your engagement, and your dedication to housing. I look forward to what we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

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