

March CEO Address

From the Desk of Candace Bennett, CEO of FNHPA

Kwey Kwey, FNHPA Members,

As we step into March, I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared progress and the exciting road ahead. Over the past few months, we have been laying the groundwork for significant growth—strengthening our existing programs while expanding into new regions.

## **Expanding Our Reach**

Following our successful expansion in Alberta, Manitoba, and the Atlantic, we are now building the foundation for growth in Ontario and Saskatchewan. This expansion means more opportunities to connect and support housing staff and Industry experts across the country. We remain committed to providing education, certification, and resources that empower you to build capacity and create thriving housing programs in your communities.

## **Celebrating FNHP Success!**

We are thrilled to announce that four new First Nations Housing Professionals (FNHPs) earned their certification in February, bringing the total to 58. This most recent cohort is particularly special to me, as I have the privilege of working alongside two of these incredible young women, Farren and Kateri, at FNHPA.

Their dedication and commitment to advancing housing management are truly inspiring. Congratulations to our newest FNHPs!

Farren Saulis Rogers

Kateri Amikons

**Garrett Davis** 

## **Robin Cayer-Stevens**

Your hard work and perseverance are commendable, and we are so proud of your achievements!

## Your Voice Matters – Participate in Our Housing Research

As FNHPA continues to grow, your insights and experiences remain invaluable. We invite you to participate in the FNHPA Housing Research Survey to help shape the future of housing management in First Nations communities.

This important study focuses on Housing Strategy, Policy & Accountability, with the goal of providing stronger support for First Nations housing staff in strategic planning, goal setting, and operational alignment.

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By participating, you'll help us:

- ✓ Improve housing management education and resources
- ✓ Develop strategic planning tools tailored for First Nations housing
- ✓ Strengthen housing policies and accountability

We want to hear from you! Your input will directly contribute to meaningful advancements in housing strategies. <u>Click here</u> to complete the survey or reach out to us with any questions.

# Mark your calendars: FNHPA National Conference 2025

I'm excited to announce that our Annual National Conference will take place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, from November 25–27, 2025. This will be an incredible opportunity for learning, networking, and celebrating the dedication of First Nations housing staff. Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss this! More details will be shared soon.

Thank you for your dedication to improving First Nations housing. Together, we are making a meaningful impact—one home, one community, and one future at a time.

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