Kwey Kakina (Hello Everyone),

I hope you've had a chance to enjoy a relaxing summer and are easing into your fall routines, whether that means juggling school drop-offs, pick-ups, or diving back into work. As we enter this new season, I'm excited to share some of the significant developments happening here at FNHPA.

Alberta, Manitoba, and Atlantic Canada Expansion

Over the summer, we've been growing, and I'm thrilled to announce our strategic expansion into Alberta, Manitoba, and Atlantic Canada. This expansion broadens our ability to provide comprehensive education and support services to address the unique housing challenges faced by First Nations communities across Canada. To enhance this support, we've welcomed A Regional Relations Manager and four new regional coordinators who will work closely with local communities and housing staff in these regions:

- Darcie Anderson Regional Relations Manager
- Dustin Gorst Regional Relations Coordinator, Alberta
- Candace Garson Regional Relations Coordinator, Northern Manitoba
- Jeremy Parsons Regional Relations Coordinator, Southern Manitoba
- Kateri Stevens Regional Relations Coordinator, Atlantic Region

We still have two Regional Relations Coordinator roles open so if you or anyone you know are a good fit, please check them out. This expansion is a significant milestone, and we're excited to share more details in our upcoming press release's about the impact we're making together.

New FNHPA staff

In addition to our Regional Team, I'm also excited to introduce several new team members who are passionate about advancing our mission and providing the quality education, resources, and support you rely on. Please join me in welcoming:

- Sally Duff Housing and Wellness Coordinator
- Shauna Bowman Matrimonial Real Property Administrative Clerk
- Isabelle Castagne Education Clerk
- Lily-Anne Mt. Pleasant Financial Controller

Their expertise will strengthen our ability to serve and support communities nationwide.

3rd National Conference

I'd also like to invite you to our 3rd Annual National Conference, happening November 26-28, 2024, at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre. Last year's event was packed with fantastic workshops, networking opportunities, and even a Pink Panther tribute! This year promises to be even more memorable. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with housing staff and professionals from all regions. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to do so soon.

Lastly, I want to extend my best wishes to all 72 students starting a new semester, both those in our regular semester program (32) and those in the Manitoba Intensive program (40). Your dedication and hard work lay the foundation for future success in housing management, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

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Thank you all for your continued commitment to learning, sharing, and improving housing programs within your communities. I'm excited about the future we're building together and can't wait to celebrate more milestones with you.

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