



**FIRST NATIONS
HOUSING
COMMUNITY**

FIRST NATIONS HOUSING CONFERENCE 2025

EXPLORING CHALLENGES, EMPOWERING SUSTAINABILITY

FEB 4-6, 2025 VALHALLA HOTEL, THUNDER BAY, ON

AGENDA

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY				
	8:00 to 9:00 am	Registration - Ballroom Foyer Breakfast - Ballroom 1	8:00 to 9:00 am Breakfast	8:00 to 9:00 am Breakfast - Ballroom 1					
Travel Day	9:00 to 10:45 am	Opening Ceremonies Opening prayer by Elder Victor Pelletier Drum Song by Eagle Boy Drum group Welcome remarks from Dignitaries, Funders & Sponsors Builders Challenge - Focus on Youth Workshop Overview Delegate Picture <i>Ballroom 2 & 3</i>	9:00 to 10:00 am TRADESHOW <i>Ballroom, Viking & Scandia Hallway</i>	9:00 to 9:30 am A Re-Introduction to the First Nation Housing Community First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2 & 3</i>	BUILDERS CHALLENGE - FOCUS ON YOUTH Jon Eakes <i>Fireside</i>				
	10:45 to 11:00 am	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer	10:00 to 10:45 am Builders Challenge - "Demolition" <i>Scandia</i>	9:30 to 10:30 am Indigenous Services Canada Housing Update Siva Appiah, Indigenous Services Canada <i>Ballroom 1</i>		ADMINISTRATIVE CMHC Funding Opportunities Bradley Anderson, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation <i>Scandia 1&2</i>	LEADERSHIP Updates from Assembly of First Nations (AFN) & Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Grace Martineau, Assembly of First Nations Christopher Hoyos, Chiefs of Ontario <i>Viking</i>		
	11:00 am to 12:00	TECHNICAL Ontario Building Code & National Building Code Jody Brinkman, Municipality of Sioux Lookout & Julia Dalphy, National Research Council of Canada <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Practical Construction Contracts Kevin Connor, Independent Contractor in First Nations <i>Scandia 1&2</i>	LEADERSHIP Fire Safety for Housing Shane Ferguson, Fire Safety Educator/Firefighter Training Specialist <i>Viking</i>		BUILDERS CHALLENGE - FOCUS ON YOUTH Jon Eakes <i>Fireside</i>	TECHNICAL High Density Housing Derek McGregor, Waabnoong Bemjwang Association of First Nations <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Accessing Technical Resources and Project Support for Sustainable Wood Construction Brock O'Donnell & Hailey Quiquero, Wood-Works Ontario <i>Scandia 1&2</i>	LEADERSHIP Carpentry and Apprenticeship Training Program Ziggy Beardy, SLAAMB <i>Viking</i>
	12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch - Ballroom Foyer	10:45 to 11:15 am Health Break	11:15 am to 12:00 pm Builders Challenge - "Restructuring" <i>Scandia</i>		10:30 to 10:45 am Health Break - Ballroom Foyer			
	1:00 to 2:00 pm	TECHNICAL Eri Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Solutions to Support Sustainable First Nations Housing Jasmine Sohal, Eri Canada & Michael Rose, Shigogama First Nations Council <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Planning New Connections in a Hydro One Remotes Served Community Chris Bell, Hydro One Remotes & Derek Hertz, ESA <i>Scandia 1&2</i>	LEADERSHIP Strategic Planning for Housing Scott Flamand, Flamand Management Services <i>Viking</i>		BUILDERS CHALLENGE - FOCUS ON YOUTH Jon Eakes <i>Fireside</i>	TECHNICAL Youth Skills Training Program - Pikangikum Overview (Lessons Learnt Perspective) Jon Eakes <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE A Seasonal Environmental Health Guide for First Nations Scott Christie, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch - ISC <i>Scandia 1&2</i>	LEADERSHIP Enhanced Technical Services for Housing Siva Appiah, Indigenous Services Canada <i>Viking</i>
	2:00 to 3:00 pm	TECHNICAL Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission System and the Transition to Operations Margaret Kenequanash, CEO, Wataynikaneyap Power <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Project Management Paul Kelly, Keewaytinook Okimakanak <i>Scandia 1&2</i>	LEADERSHIP NAN Housing Strategy: Engaging Diverse Voices in Housing Change Mike McKay, NAN & Dr. Shelagh McCartney, TDL <i>Viking</i>		BUILDERS CHALLENGE - FOCUS ON YOUTH Certification First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	TECHNICAL Workshop to Co-Create the Community Housing Process Guidelines (Based on the survey results shared on Day 1) First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>		
	3:00 to 3:15 pm	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer	12:00 to 1:15 pm Lunch	1:15 to 2:00 pm Builders Challenge - "Vinyl Flooring" <i>Scandia</i>		11:45 to 1:00 pm Lunch - Ballroom Foyer			
	3:15 to 4:15 pm	Survey Results Key Takeaways Clarence Meekis & Keith Lawrence, First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	2:00 to 2:30 pm Health Break	2:00 to 2:30 pm Health Break		2:00 to 2:15 pm BUILDERS CHALLENGE - FOCUS ON YOUTH Certification First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>			
	4:15 to 4:30 pm	Day 1 Recap & Day 2 Overview <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	2:30 to 3:15 pm Builders Challenge - "Floor Base Moulding" <i>Scandia</i>	2:30 to 3:15 pm Builders Challenge - "Floor Base Moulding" <i>Scandia</i>		2:15 to 3:30 pm Workshop to Co-Create the Community Housing Process Guidelines (Based on the survey results shared on Day 1) First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>			
	Registration Lobby	3:00 to 3:15 pm	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer	3:15 to 4:30 pm TRADESHOW <i>Ballroom, Viking & Scandia Hallway</i>		3:30 to 3:45 pm Health Break - Ballroom Foyer			
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