



**FIRST NATIONS
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FIRST NATIONS HOUSING CONFERENCE

FEB 24-26, 2026 | THUNDER BAY

**STRONGER ALLIANCES
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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 - Viking	8:00 to 9:00 am	Breakfast - Ballroom 2/3					
T R A V E L D A Y	9:00 to 10:30 am Opening Ceremonies Opening prayer by Elder Cindy Crowe Drum Song by Eagle Boy Drum Group Welcome remarks from Dignitaries, Funders & Sponsors Delegate Picture <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>				9:00 to 10:00 am	TRADESHOW <i>Ballroom, Scandia 3 & Viking</i>	T R A D E S H O W <i>Ballroom, Scandia 3 & Viking</i>	9:00 to 10:00 am	TECHNICAL Reducing Radon Exposure Pam Warkentin, CARST/C-NRPP <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Policy Advancement Kaila Wong, Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Assembly of First Nations Updates on Housing and Related Infrastructure Priorities Josh Gladstone, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) <i>Viking</i>	Skills Training Program - Focus on Youth <i>Fireside</i>	
					10:00 to 10:45 am	Builders Challenge - 1 Installing Flashing <i>Scandia 1/2</i>		10:00 to 11:00 am	TECHNICAL Offsite Manufacturing in Wood Construction: A Practical Path Forward Hailey Quiquero, Canadian Wood Council & Cory Hubbard, Forest Forward Inc. <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Housing Manager Software Kris Schell, Eagle Lake First Nation <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Chiefs Of Ontario Housing and Homelessness initiatives: Urban, Rural and Northern (U.R.N) Current and Future Capacities Sam Abtahi, Chiefs Of Ontario James McMahon, Indigenous and Community Engagement INC. (ICE)		
	10:30 to 10:45 am	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer				10:45 to 11:15 am		Health Break	11:00 to 11:15 am	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer			
	10:45 am to 11:45	TECHNICAL Indoor Air Quality Amy Montgomery, Environmental Public Health Indigenous Services Canada <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Contract Administration Gary Wood, Independent First Nations Alliance (IFNA) <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Strategic Leadership Jonathan Gregg, Independent First Nations Alliance (IFNA) <i>Viking</i>	Skills Training Program - Focus on Youth <i>Fireside</i>	11:15 am to 12:00 pm		Builders Challenge - 2 Installing Trim <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	11:15 am to 12:15 pm	TECHNICAL Mold in Housing Karen Perusse, Matawa First Nations Management <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE CMHC Funding Opportunities Wilbur McLean, Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Housing Authority Scott Flamand, Flamand Management Services <i>Viking</i>	Skills Training Program - Focus on Youth <i>Fireside</i>
	11:45 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch - Ballroom Foyer				12:00 to 1:00 pm		Lunch	12:15 to 1:00 pm	Lunch - Ballroom Foyer			
	1:00 to 2:00 pm	TECHNICAL Housing Factory Overview Jonathan Gregg, Independent First Nations Alliance (Economic Development Group) <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Digital Tools for Housing: From Vision to Completion Michael Rose, Shigogama First Nations Council with Jasmine Sohal and Bryan Minhinnett, ESRI <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Advancing Fire Safety in the Home: A Housing-Centered Assessment Approach Arnold Lazare, National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) <i>Viking</i>	Skills Training Program - Focus on Youth <i>Fireside</i>	1:00 to 2:15 pm		TRADESHOW <i>Ballroom, Scandia 3 & Viking</i>	1:00 to 2:00 pm	TECHNICAL Developing the Indigenous Construction Standard Jordan Perrault, Construction Foundation of BC <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Micro-Subdivision Siva Appiah, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) & Padriac Taffe, Chapleau Cree First Nation <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Reconciliation through Housing - Danakiwiin on Court - Affordable Housing Development Norman Jaehrling, Aawan Maskwa Ltd; Marlene Sabourin, White Lake Limited Partnership (Netmizaagamiig Nishnaabeg), Joe Tom Sayers, Missanabie Cree Business Limited Partnership <i>Viking</i>	
	2:00 to 3:00 pm	TECHNICAL Necessary Inspections During Construction Jody Brinkman, Municipality of Sioux Lookout <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Alternative Funding Opportunities for First Nations Jennifer Martin & Nancy Pine, First Nations Market Housing Fund <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Operational Solutions for Water and Wastewater in NAN Territory Tom Sayers, Windigo First Nations Council & Jamie Saunders, Nishnawbe Aski Nation <i>Viking</i>		2:15 to 3:00 pm		Builders Challenge - 3 Installing Lap Sliding Boards <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	2:00 to 3:00 pm	TECHNICAL Constructing Wildfire Resilient Housing Ryan Kyle, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre/FireSmart Canada and Matthew Mills, FormStudio Architects <i>Ballroom 1</i>	ADMINISTRATIVE Practical Use of the National Building Code Kevin Wu & Nedjma Belrechid, National Research Council Canada <i>Scandia 1/2</i>	LEADERSHIP Planning New Connections in a Hydro One Remotes served community Lindsey MacDonnell, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. <i>Viking</i>	
	3:00 to 3:15 pm	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer				3:00 to 3:15 pm		Health Break - Scandia Hallway	3:00 to 3:15 pm	Health Break - Ballroom Foyer			
	Registration Lobby	3:15 to 4:30 pm Stronger Alliances, Stronger Homes First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>				3:15 to 4:30 pm		TRADESHOW <i>Ballroom, Scandia 3 & Viking</i>	3:15 to 4:30 pm	Closing Ceremonies Closing prayer by Elder Cindy Crowe Drum Song by Eagle Boy Drum Group Closing remarks by First Nations Housing Community <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>			
						6:00 to 9:00 pm		Community Housing Recognition Awards Gala Entertainment by Mackinley's Delusions <i>Scandia</i>					