



INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS ALLIANCE

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Building Housing Together

- A First Nations–Led Housing Manufacturing Vision
- Housing Conference 2026
- Independent First Nations Alliance (IFNA)



Why We're Here

- We are not here to sell houses.
- We are not taking orders.
- We are not announcing a final factory today.

- We are here to talk about how we build better housing — together.



Housing in Our Communities

- Overcrowding
- Aging housing stock
- Rising construction costs
- Seasonal construction limits
- Installation delays
- Ongoing maintenance challenges
- Backlog of housing



We've Been Talking About This for Years

- Higher-quality homes
- Reducing mould and moisture risk
- Increasing regional capacity
- Keeping construction dollars in our territory
- Designing for our climate
- Designing for our culture



What We Learned

- Visited housing factories
- Studied off-site manufacturing models
- Reviewed northern construction failures
- Evaluated logistics challenges
- Examined funding pathways

- The system — not just the house — needs improvement.



Where the Current System Struggles

- Weather delays
- Material exposure to moisture
- Coordination breakdowns
- Foundation mismatches
- Crane and equipment gaps
- Installation inefficiencies
- Funding shortages
- Lack of government support/understanding



What a Factory Changes

- Year-round production
- Dry material handling
- Precision assembly
- Standardized quality control
- Reduced on-site construction time



A First Nations–Led Approach

- A First Nations–owned housing manufacturing facility
- Serving Northern Ontario
- Designed for our climate
- Built with our people
- By us. For us.



This Must Be Regional

- Tribal councils aligned
- Technical services involved
- Housing authorities engaged
- Community leadership input
- Regional cooperation



Designed for the North

- Strong insulation
- Airtight envelopes
- Proper ventilation systems
- Snow load design
- Durable materials
- Moisture management



Housing Concept Directions

- Large family homes
- Medium family homes
- Multi-generational designs
- Compact single units

- Concept directions — not final products.



Multi-Generational Living

- Flexible layouts
- Shared living with privacy
- Elder accommodations
- Separate entrances when needed



Quality Control Built In

- Each stage inspected
- Materials remain dry
- Precision-built components
- Systems pre-tested
- Ventilation integrated
- Long lasting healthy homes, mould free



Ventilation & Moisture Matter

- Ventilation
- Humidity control
- Cold surface management
- Installation quality
- Maintenance planning



First Nations Housing Management

- Housing authorities and band housing
- Protect the asset
- Support maintenance
- Enforce standards
- Extend lifespan



The Supply Chain Matters

- Foundations
- Logistics
- Winter roads
- Cranes
- Installation crews
- Utility connections



Employment & Capacity

- Structured employment
- Technical training
- Repeatable skill development
- Regional jobs
- Youth opportunities



Economic Retention

- Retain capital in region
- Indigenous-owned supply chains
- Long-term infrastructure
- Strengthen sovereignty



Governance & Partnership

- Tribal council alignment
- MOU participation
- Shared governance structures
- Transparent oversight



What We Are NOT Saying

- Pricing finalized
- Manufacturer selected
- Funding secured
- Production starts next year
- Instant solutions



What We ARE Saying

- A regional housing factory is possible
- A better system can be built
- Quality can improve
- Communities can lead



Your Role

- We need your input:
- Housing volumes
- Design preferences
- Infrastructure barriers
- What makes this successful for you



This Is Ours

- Your trees.
- Your workforce.
- Your communities.
- Your future.



Let's Build It Together

- Chiefs
- Housing managers
- Technical units
- Partners

- Come talk to us.



Thank You

- Independent First Nations Alliance
- Building housing differently.
- Building housing together.