



COMMUNITY HOUSING RECOGNITION AWARDS

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The Housing Recognition Awards are an opportunity to recognize innovations and achievements in housing initiatives at a Community level. This year, we recognized four communities!

TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION

2023 HOUSING RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENT

Members of Tzeachten First Nation have worked tirelessly to build capacity in their traditional lands and create safe and affordable housing. As of today, members of Tzeachten First Nation have successfully planned, coordinated, built, and maintained 23 new housing units that are a mixture of one, two and three-bedroom layouts.



By offering the community affordable housing, members can flourish within their home territory where existing current market rental rates are extremely high. The community is also able to offer opportunities for members to move back to their home community. The community has also introduced an amenity building onsite that the community can use for gatherings.

Members of Tzeachten First Nation are passionate when it comes to continuation of growth in their community. They have also built a maintenance shed to store supplies and work on other projects for the 23-unit development to ensure it is maintained as best as possible.

In addition, a new housing policy and housing committee has also been created to assist in the overall management and development.

This is the first major development undertaken by the Nation in 10 years.

The First Nations Housing Community is proud to present Tzeachten First Nation the 2023 Community Housing Recognition Award!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION!





FORT ALBANY FIRST NATION

2023 HOUSING RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENT

Fort Albany First Nation continuously strives to provide a safe community for its members. In July 2022, Shelter Coordinator Margaret Keesic received a “life changing” call from Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation advising the community they were awarded the first Transitional Housing Project in the remote fly in community.

Margaret Keesic, the driving force behind the Transitional Housing Unit, sees this project as a way to save the lives of victims of violence by providing long-term safe and supportive housing. A plan came together with community support and a detailed proposal was completed and submitted. This proposal was written to include seven independent family units and an Outreach Building. The hard-work and dedication of the community has resulted in a fully functional Outreach Building that includes a cozy open concept space for teaching, cultural programming, youth area and counseling services. Not only that, in Spring 2024, the community will have seven new family housing units, that will be completely furnished and allow victims of violence to live violence free for a longer term of 12 – 18 months while receiving supportive services.





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Fort Albany First Nation had a vision of the next seven generations being free from violence and having better outcomes. Now, this hardworking community is steps closing to seeing their visions come true.

For these achievements Fort Albany First Nation is being awarded a Community Housing Recognition Award for 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORT ALBANY FIRST NATION!





MOHAWKS OF BAY OF QUINTE, GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION, MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

2023 HOUSING RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENT

Mohawks of Bay of Quinte, Garden River First Nation and Missanabie Cree First Nation continuously strive to build capacity in the Belleville area. A unique partnership that strives to provide affordable housing for more than just one community.



Each community has brought their own strength to the partnership, which has made this project more than just another housing project. The Belleville Affordable Housing LP is an economic reconciliation where three First Nation communities have partnered to revitalize a government building into affordable residential units for Indigenous community of Belleville. Like many other urban centres, members struggle to find a safe and affordable place to live.





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These communities have created Sagonaska Place, an Indigenous owned multi-unit resident property for Indigenous residents. The impact of these project will allow many families to live in a safe, health and affordable home.

In addition, the partnership has recently acquired a former federal office building. This office building will be renovated from office space into affordable housing rental units for Indigenous peoples living off reserve.

This housing project has had positive effects on multiple communities, in terms of creating both safe and sustainable housing.

For these achievements, Mohawks of Bay of Quinte, Garden River First Nation and Missanabie Cree First Nation are being awarded a Community Housing Recognition Award for 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOHAWKS OF BAY OF QUINTE, GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION & MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION!





KENDOMANG ZHAGODENAMON LODGE - INDIGENOUS SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

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Another giant step forward for Hammarskjold High School's land-based program, LZ Lodge, connecting to poverty reduction issues, and addressing the housing crisis in remote First Nations communities. A new group of 19 Indigenous youth collaborated to build a second tiny home. This project is helping to tackle both the need for more innovative housing solutions, as well as helping students develop hands-on skills and certifications and to get exposure to potential future work opportunities in the skilled trades.



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