



**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 - Scandia & Lounge		8:00 to 9:00 am Breakfast - Ballroom 1									
	9:00 to 10:45 am Opening Ceremonies Welcome remarks from Dignitaries, Funders & Sponsors Youth Skill Challenge Workshop overview Delegate Picture Ballroom 2 & 3				9:00 to 10:00 am TRADESHOW Ballroom		9:00 to 9:30 am First Nations Housing Community - New Identity First Nations Housing Community Ballroom 2 & 3									
	10:45 to 11:00 am Health Break - Ballroom Foyer				10:00 to 10:45 am Builders Challenge - "Demolition" Scandia		9:30 to 10:30 am Indigenous Services Canada Housing Update Siva Appiah, Indigenous Services Canada Ballroom 1		10:30 to 10:45 am Health Break - Ballroom Foyer		YOUTH SKILLS CHALLENGE Jon Eakes Fireside					
	11:00 am to 12:00 pm TECHNICAL Ontario Building Code & National Building Code Jody Brinkman, Municipality of Sioux Lookout & Kevin Wu, National Research Council of Canada Ballroom 1		ADMINISTRATIVE Practical Construction Contracts Kevin Connor, Independent Contractor in First Nations Scandia 1&2		LEADERSHIP Fire Safety for Housing Shane Ferguson, Fire Safety Educator/Firefighter Training Specialist Viking		YOUTH SKILLS CHALLENGE Jon Eakes Fireside		11:15 am to 12:00 pm Builders Challenge - "Restructuring" Scandia			10:45 to 11:45 am TECHNICAL High Density Housing Derek McGregor, Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nations Ballroom 1		ADMINISTRATIVE Accessing Technical Resources and Project Support for Sustainable Wood Construction Brock O'Donnell, Hailey Quiquero Wood-Works Ontario Scandia 1&2		LEADERSHIP Carpentry and Apprenticeship Training Program Ziggy Beardy, SLAAMB Viking
	12:00 to 1:00 pm Lunch - Ballroom Foyer				12:00 to 1:15 pm Lunch		11:45 to 1:00 pm Lunch - Ballroom Foyer									
	1:00 to 2:00 pm TECHNICAL Esri Geogrphic Information Systems (GIS) Solutions to Support Sustainable First Nations Housing Jasmine Sohal, Esri Canada & Barb Duffin, CreeGeo Ballroom 1		ADMINISTRATIVE Planning New Connections in a Hydro One Remotes Served Community Chris Bell, Ryan Madahbee and Derek Hertz Scandia 1&2		LEADERSHIP Strategic Planning for Housing Scott Flamand, Flamand Management Services Viking		YOUTH SKILLS CHALLENGE Jon Eakes Fireside		1:15 to 2:00 pm Builders Challenge - "Vinyl Flooring" Scandia		1:00 to 2:00 pm TECHNICAL Youth Skills Training Program - Pikangikum overview (Lessons learnt perspective) Jon Eakes Ballroom 1		ADMINISTRATIVE A Seasonal Environmental Health Guide for First Nations Amy Montgomery, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch - ISC Scandia 1&2		LEADERSHIP ISC Workshop Nico Paul, Director, Community Infrastructure Viking	
	2:00 to 3:00 pm TECHNICAL Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission System and the Transition to Operations Margaret Kenequanash, CEO, Wataynikaneyap Power Ballroom 1		ADMINISTRATIVE Project Management Paul Kelly, Keewaytinook Okimakanak Scandia 1&2		LEADERSHIP NAN Housing Strategy: Engaging Diverse Voices in Housing Change Mike McKay, NAN & Dr. Shelagh McCartney, TDL Viking		YOUTH SKILLS CHALLENGE Jon Eakes Fireside		2:00 to 2:30 pm Health Break		2:00 to 2:15 pm Youth Skills Challenge Certification First Nations Housing Community Ballroom 2/3					
	3:00 to 3:15 pm Health Break - Ballroom Foyer				2:30 to 3:15 pm Builders Challenge - "Floor Base Moulding" Scandia		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 Ballroom 2/3									
	3:15 to 4:15 pm Survey Results Key Takeaways Clarence Meekis & Keith Lawrance, First Nations Housing Community Ballroom 2/3				3:15 to 4:30 pm TRADESHOW Ballroom		3:30 to 3:45 pm Health Break - Ballroom Foyer									
	4:15 to 4:30 pm Day 1 Recap & Day 2 Review Ballroom 2/3				6:00 to 9:00 pm Community Housing Recognition Awards Banquet Scandia		3:45 to 4:45 pm Closing Ceremonies Passport to Prizes Closing Prayers and Drum Ballroom 2/3									

Travel Day

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