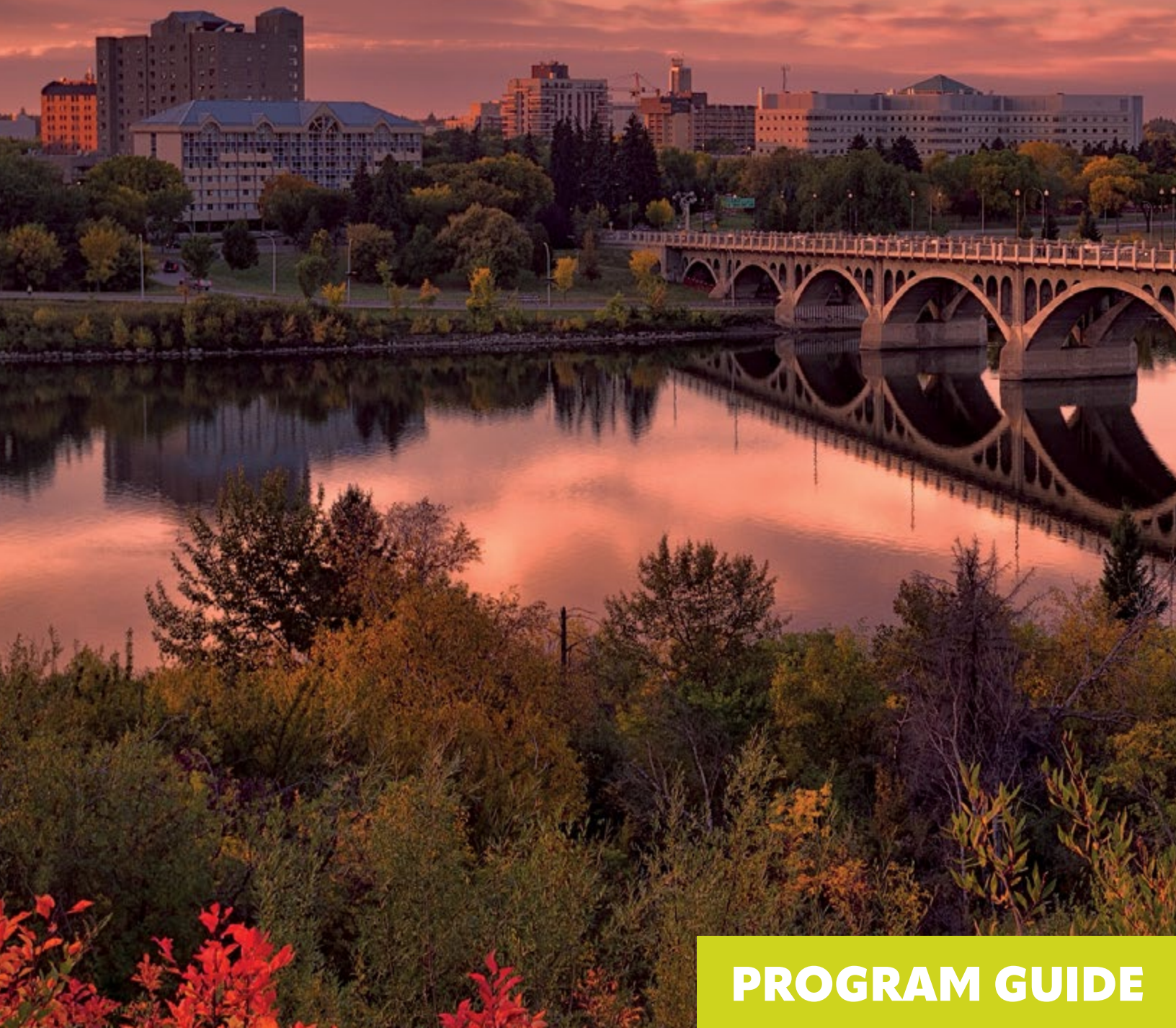




# 57<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS ON **HOUSING** AND **HOMELESSNESS**

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN | APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2025



**PROGRAM GUIDE**

# 2025 Congress: At-a-Glance

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5:15 - 6:15pm	Indigenous Caucus Annual Members Gathering
7:00 - 9:30pm	Indigenous Caucus Social & Networking

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9:30am - 4:30pm	Pre-Congress courses are presented in collaboration with CIH Canada
7:00 - 9:00pm	Welcome Party

Wednesday, April 30	
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7:00 - 10:00pm	President’s Pajamas and Pearls Party



**Thursday, May 1**

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8:30 - 10:00am	<b>Day Two Opening and Plenary: Stewarding the Next Generation of Community Housing Leaders</b>
10:00 - 10:45am	<b>CHRA Awards presentation</b>
10:45 - 11:15am	<b>Break</b>
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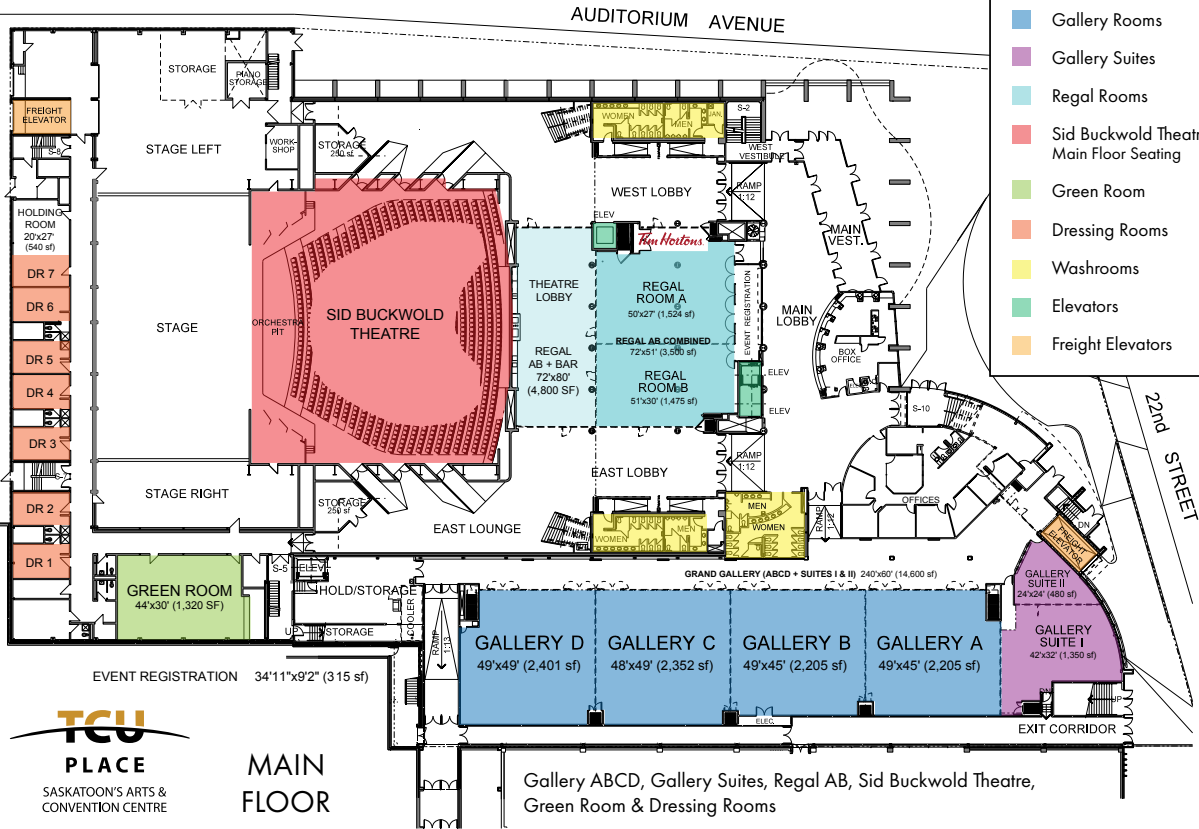
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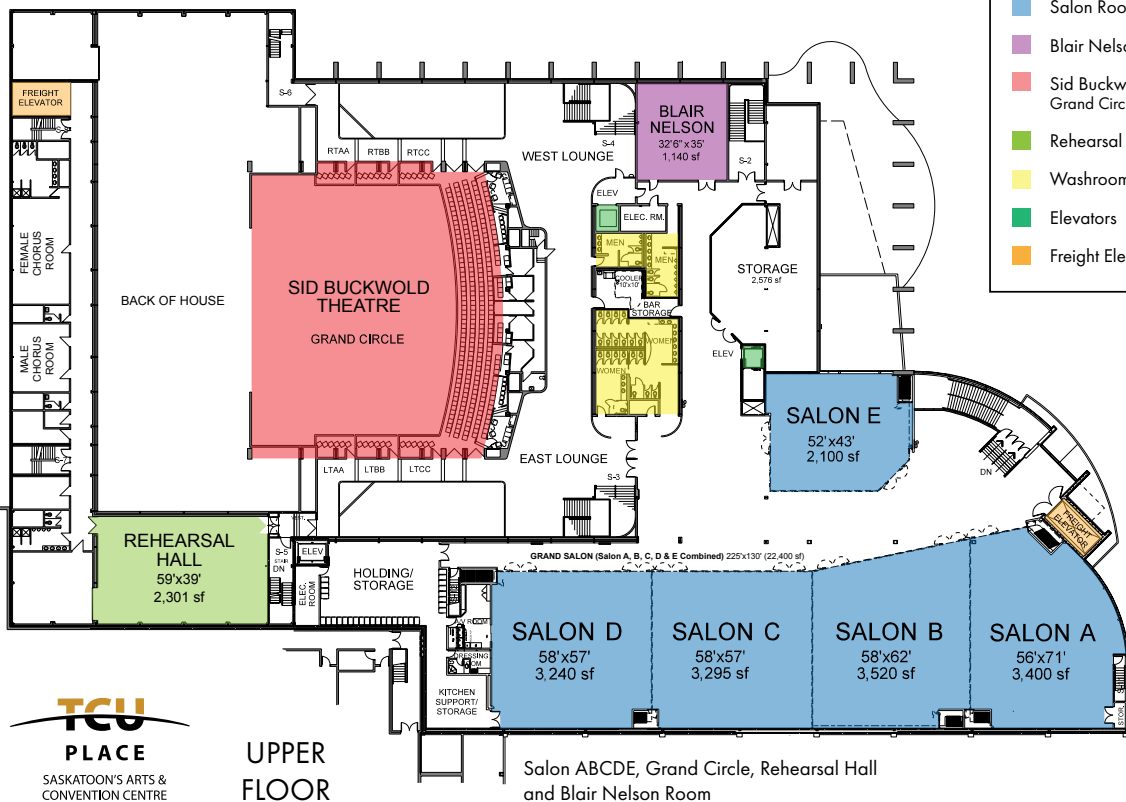
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- Sid Buckwold Theatre Grand Circle Seating
- Rehearsal Hall
- Washrooms
- Elevators
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Provinciales & territoriales

### Outils & services

Inventaire des ressources  
Boussole organisationnelle

### Programmes

Accompagnateurs régionaux en énergie (ARÉ)  
Programme de stagiaires autochtones



# Welcome to the 2025 CHRA National Congress on Housing and Homelessness!



*We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis people. We pay our respect to the First Nation and Métis ancestors of this place and honour Elders and Survivors.*

We're so happy to welcome you to the 57<sup>th</sup> CHRA Congress here in Saskatoon! Our team has been working hard to make this event a memorable one. Year after year, we continue to innovate our Congress program and events, and we can't wait to share what we've been working on with you.

The past year has been a tumultuous one for the community housing sector. The excitement generated by the release of Canada's Housing Plan in Budget 2024 has been tempered by the fact that much of the promised funding and program development were delayed as MPs shifted their focus from solving the housing crisis to preparing for an inevitable upcoming election. The uncertainty this has brought, along with the threat to housing development posed by US tariffs and inflation have left the sector on shaky ground in terms of planning and development. What's more, \$2.8 billion in funding for urban, rural, and northern (URN) Indigenous housing, committed to in Budget 2023, has been left unallocated as URN Indigenous housing providers face another year without the funds needed to move forward on planned, shovel-ready projects.

Over the years, we've learned that we're stronger when we stand together. We've learned that the community housing sector has the expertise, resourcefulness, and dedication to weather all kinds of uncertainty – we've done it again and again.

That's why gatherings like this one are so critical. Over the next few days, you'll attend workshops and sessions led

by housing professionals, scholars, and leaders who are working on real, tangible solutions to our housing crisis. You'll get the chance to make new contacts, catch up with old friends, and share what you've been working on. Don't miss out on our social events – these informal connections are often just as valuable as formal learning sessions.

We're proud to be hosting the third annual Indigenous Innovation Forum (IIF). This event has been a must-attend since its original appearance at the 2023 Congress in Winnipeg. The IIF provides a unique sharing and learning opportunity for Indigenous housing providers from across the country, and we thank the Indigenous Caucus for organizing this amazing event each year.

We've expanded our pre-Congress courses to three this year, working again in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Housing Canada. These deep dives into topics related to organizational sustainability and housing and homelessness policy allow attendees to build their knowledge base and get a refresh on familiar topics over a full day of learning.

We're also happy to present our revamped CHRA Awards and honour the amazing work being done by housing providers across the country. We know you'll be inspired by this year's awards recipients, as we are.

So, buckle up for three days of learning, sharing, and celebrating our sector.

**Enjoy the Congress!**

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# Congress Bursaries

With the generous support of our sponsors, CHRA offers a limited number of bursaries to retired members, persons with lived experience, Indigenous Innovation Forum attendees, students, early career professionals, and Housing Professionals Mentorship Program (HPMP) mentees.

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## Lived Experience Bursary



## Indigenous Innovation Forum Bursary



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Download the **Pheedloop Go** app for free from the Apple Store or Google Play and sign in with your Pheedloop user info (the login you used to register online) to access the Congress 2025 app.

You can also check your email for an invitation to download the 2025 CHRA Congress event app or speak to one of the friendly CHRA staff at the registration desk for assistance.

Download the app to see the most up-to-date information on session speakers, to review your sessions, and to learn more about our Tradeshow exhibitors!

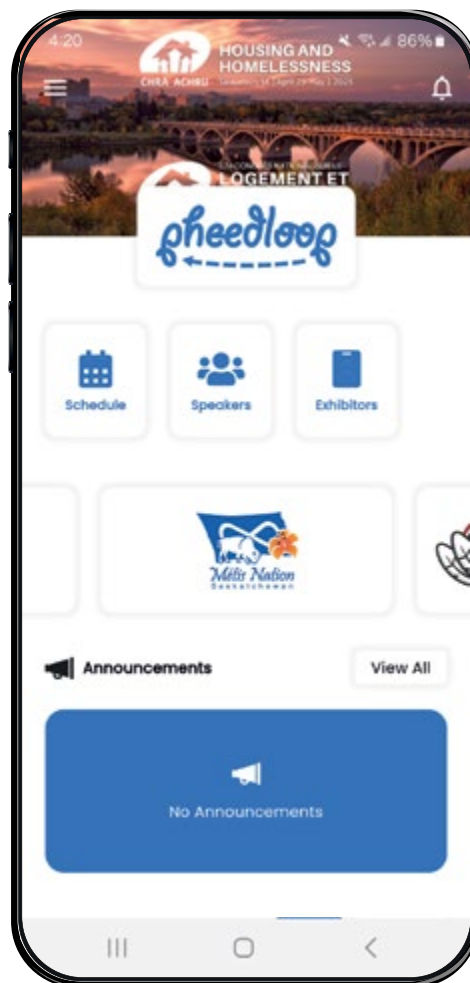
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*If you still have the app downloaded from last year, you may have to sign out and sign back in to see the 2025 event.*





## Monday, April 28

5:15 - 6:15pm

### Indigenous Caucus Annual Members Gathering Gallery A

Be part of the conversation shaping the future of Indigenous housing!

Together, we'll shape our 2025 Strategic Plan, strengthen advocacy efforts and advance housing solutions for Indigenous peoples across Canada. Your voice is essential—let's create lasting change!



7:00 - 9:30pm

### Indigenous Caucus Social & Networking Wanuskewin Heritage Park

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The Indigenous Caucus invites you to an evening of socializing and networking at Wanuskewin Heritage Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy refreshments, catch up with colleagues, and make new connections. This event is open to all who purchased a ticket upon registration.

Please note: this is an alcohol-free event.

**Buses will be available to transport attendees from TCU Place to Wanuskewin. Please meet in the Main Lobby at 6:30pm.**



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**L'ACI ouvre les portes  
d'un avenir prospère  
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par un chez-soi.**



**Tuesday, April 29**

7:30am - 4:30pm  
**Registration desk open**  
Main Lobby

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Gallery Suite I

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7:30 - 8:30am  
**Breakfast**



9:00am - 5:00pm  
**2025 Indigenous Innovation Forum: Wrapping around support, navigating the North, and uprooting homelessness**  
Gallery C

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The Indigenous Innovation Forum provides a day of learning and discussion about Indigenous Innovations in Housing. This event will offer a variety of sessions, valuable insights, and learning opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants alike.

7:30am - 4:30pm  
**Registration desk open**

All Day  
**Quiet Room**

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**Breakfast**

9:00am - 5:00pm  
**2025 Indigenous Innovation Forum: Wrapping around support, navigating the North, and uprooting homelessness**

12:00 - 1:00pm  
**Lunch**

2:30 - 3:00pm  
**Break**

4:30 - 5:00pm  
**Closing**

9:30am - 4:30pm  
**Pre-Congress courses are presented in collaboration with CIH Canada**

7:00 - 9:00pm  
**Welcome Party**

## 2025 Indigenous Innovation Forum Schedule

### 9:00am Opening

10:30am - 12:00pm

### Understanding Indigenous Homelessness: Roots, realities & responsibilities

Homelessness is more than the absence of shelter - it is rooted in history, displacement, and systemic injustice. For Indigenous Peoples, it also means a loss of culture, connection, and belonging.

Join Kim Kakakaway, a passionate advocate and consultant in Indigenous homelessness and social justice, for a dynamic, interactive keynote workshop that blends powerful storytelling, historical context, and hands-on learning. Through real-world case studies, group discussions, and self-reflection, participants will unpack the colonial roots of Indigenous homelessness, explore how systemic barriers persist today, and discover practical ways to embed Indigenous values into housing, social services, and policy work.

Designed for frontline workers, policymakers, advocates, and changemakers, this session will challenge perspectives, spark dialogue, and provide actionable strategies to move beyond temporary solutions toward meaningful, culturally informed change.

12:00 - 1:00pm  
Lunch

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1:00 - 2:30pm

### Raising the Bar: Indigenous Wrap-Around Services in Action

Creating sustainable and culturally relevant housing for Indigenous communities requires holistic, wrap-around supports that address diverse needs and promote well-being. Experience the transformative power of wrap-around housing supports in addressing homelessness and housing insecurity for Indigenous communities. Panelists will share insights into successful holistic support models that integrate housing with health and social services, cultural programming, economic opportunities, and community-driven solutions. Join us to explore innovative and culturally grounded approaches to housing that go beyond shelter to foster healing, stability, and empowerment.

2:30 - 3:00pm  
Break



3:00 - 4:30pm

### From Roots to Roofs: Perspectives on Northern Indigenous Housing Development

Building sustainable and affordable housing in Northern Indigenous communities requires unique approaches to overcome geographic, financial, and logistical challenges. Discover groundbreaking solutions and critical lessons learned from trailblazing initiatives in Northern Indigenous housing and homelessness. This session brings together visionary leaders who are reshaping the landscape of housing in the North. This panel showcases the resilience, innovation, and partnerships driving progress in some of Canada's most challenging environments. Join us to explore the strategies and tools that are making sustainable, affordable, and culturally relevant housing a reality for Northern Indigenous communities.

4:30 - 5:00pm  
Closing





9:30am - 4:30pm

**Pre-Congress Courses***Pre-Congress Courses are presented in collaboration with CIH Canada*
**Course 1: Professional Development as Wrap Around Support for Staff: Navigating organizational change, staff burnout, and sector challenges**

Gallery B

Housing organizations and their employees are often navigating multiple challenges at once while managing the day-to-day work of providing housing. Join this interactive session to learn about how professional development (PD) can help housing organizations tackle issues as they arise and get an overview of the research supporting the importance of PD in the workplace in addressing change management. Drawing specifically on research from housing leaders working with CIH Canada, we'll situate these findings within their implications for the affordable housing sector in Canada and share promising practices from around the country.

Using situational analysis, you'll consider:

- PD in your organization and how it's impacted by various factors including organizational change,
- some of the dynamics that impact when and how staff are able to engage in PD and respond to changes (such as through business transformation), and
- how to collectively build strategies to address these challenges at the individual, team and organizational level.

**Instructor:** Katie McDonald, Associate Professor, Athabasca University

**Course 2: Leading with Equity: Integrating DEI into your housing organization**

Gallery Suite II

In today's housing sector, leaders are committed to integrating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) but can feel uncertain about navigating potential pitfalls. Leading with Equity: Integrating DEI into Your Housing Organization is a transformative, hands-on course that will empower you to bring DEI into every facet of your work without hesitation. This course will help you gain practical tools and create a tailored Equity Roadmap that aligns with your organization's strategic vision. Through collaborative exercises, you'll gain insights to help you:

- strengthen your leadership approach,
- foster inclusive, supportive environments for staff and tenants alike,
- shape a future where equity isn't just a goal but a guiding principle for impactful, lasting change.

**Instructor:** Natalie Duchesne, Owner, Connect2Knowledge Inc

**Course 3: The Intersection of Housing and Homelessness**

Gallery A

Canada has two separate systems generally working in silos: community housing makes housing affordable (on the assumption that most tenants can live relatively independently, while housing for people who've experienced long-term homelessness typically comes with wraparound support.

This course will focus on the reality that many low-income households – whether they've experienced long-term homelessness or not – require both subsidy and wraparound support.

Join us to explore:

- The histories of housing and supportive housing.
- Wraparound supports needed by tenants in community housing.
- Promising practices: What's working well in terms of bridging the two systems?
- Unconventional, possibly untested models.
- The extent to which the National Housing Strategy helps bridge the two systems.
- What is currently needed, including by government.

**Instructor:** Nick Falvo, Research Consultant, Nick Falvo Consulting



7:00 - 9:00pm  
**Welcome Party**  
 Rемаi Art Gallery

Step into 2045 and celebrate the future of housing! This reception hosted by the Community Housing Transformation Centre envisions a world where 20% of the market is Community Housing, shaping sustainable, community-driven living. Get creative and let's toast to innovation, affordability, and the vision redefining how we live.

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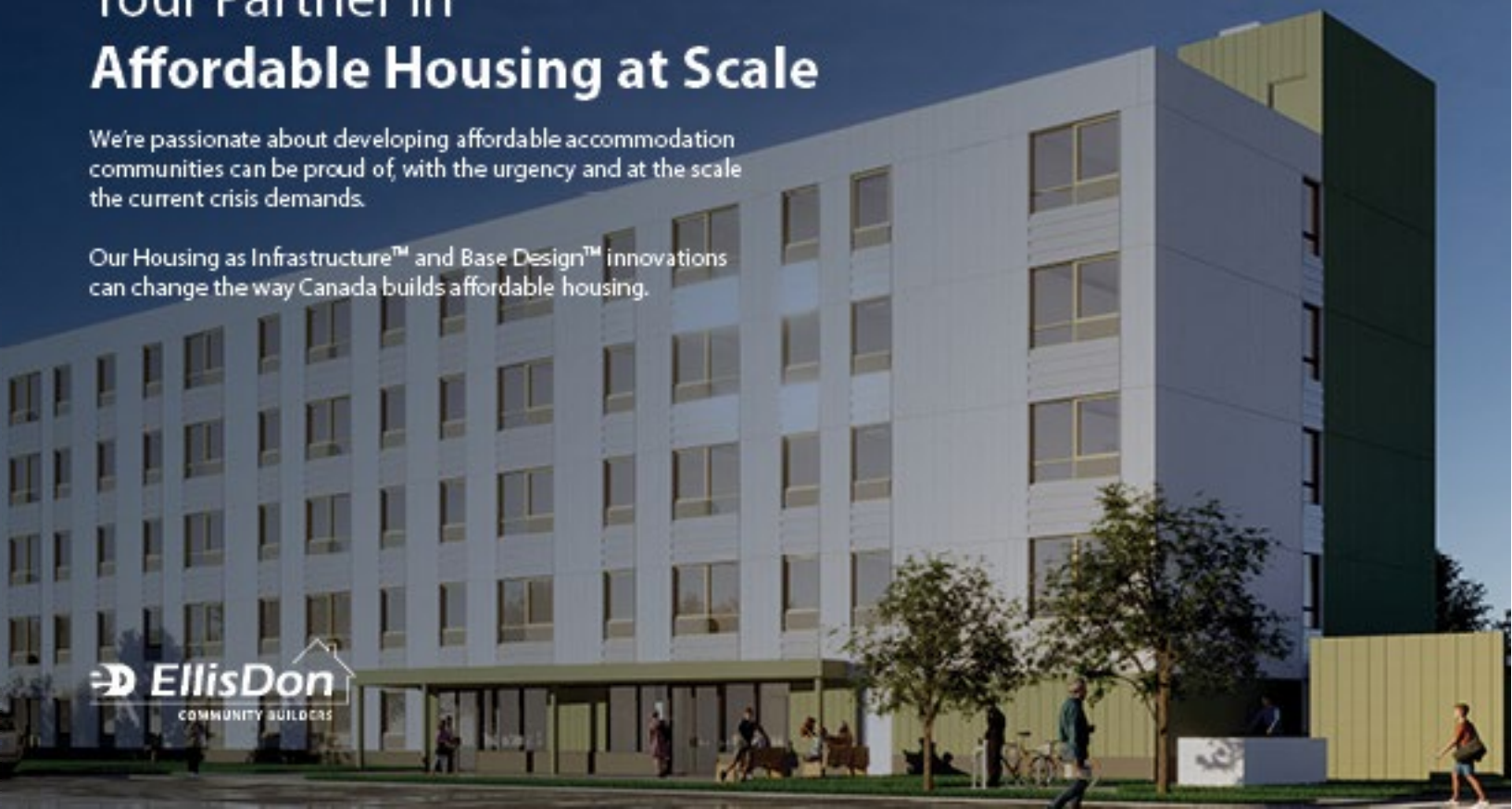


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7:30 - 8:30am  
**Breakfast**

8:00am - 4:00pm  
**2025 CHRA Tradeshow**  
Salon E & Foyer



8:30 - 9:30am  
**Congress Kick-Off**  
Salon ABCD  
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Join us to start Congress off right with special guests and speakers.

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**President's Pajamas and Pearls Party**



9:30 - 11:00am

### Keynote Address

**Dr. Prentiss Dantzler, Associate Professor,  
Founding Director of the Housing Justice Lab,  
University of Toronto**

Salon ABCD

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Dr. Prentiss A. Dantzler is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Founding Director of the Housing Justice Lab within the School of Cities at the University of Toronto. As an interdisciplinary community-engaged scholar, his research focuses on housing policy, neighborhood change, race and ethnic relations, and community development. Prentiss received his Ph.D. in Public Affairs with a concentration in Community Development from Rutgers University-Camden. He also holds an M.P.A. from West Chester University and a B.S. from Penn State University.

Dantzler's work has been published in various academic journals and popular media outlets and sponsored by several funding agencies. He is also the Founder of The Urban Agenda LLC, a consulting group that focuses on capacity building, technical assistance and policy advocacy across North American cities.

Given these experiences, Dantzler's keynote will focus on the changing ethos of homeownership and how our collective ideas to own have (re)produced racialized uneven development. The keynote will also highlight how disadvantaged communities have imagined alternative urban futures through reparative justice models.

11:00 - 11:15am

### Break



11:15am - 12:15pm

### Concurrent Sessions

#### **Navigating Change: Balancing risk, growth, and approaches to housing solutions** Salon ABC

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Transformational change is being undertaken by more and more housing, shelter, and service providers as they look to new ways to meet and expand their mandates and serve their communities.

Join us to hear lessons from organizations that have taken on significant organizational changes, including:

- innovative approaches to integrating housing and health services,
- risks for organizations implementing transformational changes,
- aligning organizational values with strategic objectives,
- the Selective Criteria approach to supporting successful, sustained tenancies, and more.

#### **Resilience and Response: Supporting vulnerable women through crisis and recovery** Salon D

Women's shelter and service providers are on the frontlines of assisting women in crisis, providing shelter and services, oftentimes without adequate resources and support.

New research conducted into the needs of vulnerable women and families across the country is working to shed light on the unique issues facing different demographics.

Join us to learn about:

- the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on domestic abuse survivors and the frontline service providers who support them,
- housing and homelessness issues faced by women who have served in the armed forces,
- the systemic barriers facing both those in need of services and supports and those that serve them, and more.

## Tailored Solutions: Diverse housing needs in rural communities

### Gallery A

Rural communities, lacking large-scale funding and organizations found in bigger cities, must get creative when it comes to meeting the needs of specific populations when it comes to housing and support services.

Learn about the ways rural communities can support those with diverse needs in their communities and initiatives that are doing just that. Get an understanding of:

- the latest statistics, facts, and insights into the intersection of immigration and housing in rural Canada;
- opportunities for supportive seniors' housing that accommodates residents as their health changes, allowing them to remain in their communities;
- the importance of adaptable, community-centred solutions for diverse populations; and more.

## Unlocking Potential: Repurposing land & infrastructure for housing solutions

### Gallery B

Join Expert on Community Housing and guests Myra Pennington from Affordable 360 and Joe Ogilvie from Archangel Ventures, along with YOU as the third panelist, to explore how innovations in data and housing construction technologies can accelerate the development of affordable housing. This session will examine new strategies for acquiring and repurposing private, public, charitable lands and infrastructure to drive housing solutions.

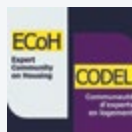
In this immersive experience, the audience will step into the role of the third panelist, actively engaging in the *Innovation in Action* process to collaboratively explore these transformative opportunities.

## Building for the Future: Sustainability, succession, and professional growth in community housing

### Gallery C

The community housing sector is in a period of transition. As many sector leaders are on the verge of retiring, the idea of professionalizing the sector is becoming more widely accepted.

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A strong, sustainable community housing sector is key for us to truly realize the right to housing in Canada. Join this session to explore:

- gaps in organizational capacity,
- succession planning,
- professionalizing the sector, and more.

## Queer Housers Connect: Building Community in the Housing Sector

### Gallery D

Join The 519 and CHRA's 2SLGBTQ+ Community of Practice for a welcoming and inclusive space to connect with other queer housers. This informal session is an opportunity to share experiences, build relationships, and explore ways to foster belonging within the housing sector. Whether you're looking to expand your network or simply find community, this is a space for meaningful conversations and support.

12:15 - 2:00pm  
Lunch





12:30 - 1:45pm

## Black Caucus Meeting

Salon D

Join us for the second National Black Housing Caucus, a ground-breaking gathering uniting individuals and organizations dedicated to pioneering Black-led housing policy and addressing systemic challenges faced by members of our communities across Turtle Island. We welcome participants who self-identify as Black, including professionals in housing policy, non-profit housing providers, developers, lived experts, service providers, and more. This historic meeting offers exclusive opportunities to share insights, align, and shape the future of Black housing advocacy.

Our meeting will provide opportunities for visioning an equitable future for Black housing. A forum highlighting ongoing work in our communities, the National Black Housing Caucus seeks to shape a future where our combined efforts lead to sustainable change and progress nationwide. Let's discuss ongoing work across the provinces and territories, including the creation of the Black Communities Housing Technical Resource Centre, and how you can get involved!

**Together, let's build impactful connections and a lasting legacy!**

2:00 - 3:30pm

## Concurrent Sessions

### Scaling Innovation: Integrated approaches for housing development and expansion Salon ABC

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Increasing the capacity of the community housing sector will take dedication, collaboration, and creative solutions.

Join housing providers who are successfully scaling up their operations to learn more about:

- scaling up and delivering high-volume modular projects,
- working with stakeholders to identify and overcome challenges,
- equity mobilization,
- financing models,
- optimizing management processes and governance elements, and more.

## Tribal Council

Salon D

The presentation by Tribal Chief Mark Arcand outlines the efforts of the Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) in addressing the homelessness crisis in Saskatoon. It highlights the significant increase in homelessness from 550 individuals in 2022 to 1,499 in 2024, driven by factors such as housing affordability, changes in social assistance and mental health issues. The presentation details STC's comprehensive response through the Emergency Wellness Centre, which provides wrap-around services including cultural supports, healthcare, and housing assistance. It emphasizes the need for coordinated efforts, adequate funding, and support for First Nations-led solutions to effectively tackle homelessness and improve the quality of life for affected individuals.

### Funding Innovation: Creative strategies to deliver housing solutions Gallery A

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Financing innovation is a hot topic in the affordable housing sector.

Join this session to hear about unique housing projects that employed alternative sources of capital. We'll focus on the financial challenges that have been overcome and the creative solutions that made the unviable, viable.

- New Market Funds will explain how it works with community partners and deploys its capital.
- Compass Nova Scotia will share how its Maitland Street development in Halifax came about and how it was financed at the different stages of development.
- The University of Winnipeg Community Renewal Corporation will discuss recognizing and responding to local needs, challenges, and opportunities to help create thriving and sustainable urban university and downtown communities.

### Paving the Way: Advancing 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion in housing policy and practice Gallery B

2SLGBTQIA+ individuals are faced with unique barriers and facilitators to housing equity, which differ based on context and community, and vary across the lifespan from emerging adulthood to old age.

Join our panel to learn about how their organizations are working on research and actions to create housing equity for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and explore:

- focus group findings on how to better engage with and serve 2SLGBTQIA+ in housing and shelter settings,
- research findings that can inform inclusive housing practices and policies for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals of all ages,
- tools to create a roadmap towards 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion within your organization, and more.

### Blended Forces: Harnessing collaborative funding for sustainable housing solutions

Gallery C

The community housing sector must increase its capacity to meet growing housing needs across the country. This will require innovative and collaborative funding solutions.

Our panel will discuss models for creating sustainable development funding. Join this session to learn about:

- the P4 model, in which private institutional investors, average citizens and retail investors, the public sector, and philanthropic organizations come together to fund projects;
- how community capital can be used as a powerful tool to fund housing projects and address Canada's housing crisis; and
- the Equitable Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Pilot fund - a first-in-Canada sustainable financing tool designed to provide flexible financing to non-market and affordable housing developers.

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### MN-S and Realizing the Human Right to Housing in Urban Centres

Gallery D

To address a high housing need for the Métis in Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan has undertaken several innovative housing measures. Join this discussion for insights into implementing the human right to housing in urban centres that include:

- The range and complexity of housing needs observed by the Federal Housing Advocate
- Understanding the role of history and housing
- The importance of integrated systems
- Restoring and rebuilding communities with housing
- Challenges and barriers

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**Mobile Tours**

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### **Mobile Tour 1: Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project Mobile Tour**

Join us on a walking tour of Saskatoon's Pleasant Hill neighbourhood co-led by respected community advocates and City of Saskatoon staff. Local knowledge and direct experiences combined with affordable housing trends and insights will provide a unique opportunity to understand Pleasant Hill's strengths and areas of opportunity.

Pleasant Hill Village is a creative mix of many different components including a school, wellness centre, daycare, park, community garden, seniors housing, and affordable family housing.

The main component of the tour will focus on the Pleasant Hill Village revitalization project which was completed by in 2024 by federal, provincial, and municipal governments and the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division, who worked in partnership to acquire and redevelop the 13-acre site.

Highlighted sites include St. Mary's Wellness & Education Centre, the Round Prairie Elders Lodge, two recent Rapid Housing Initiative projects, Prairie Harm Reduction, Westside Community Clinic, and STC Health Centre.

### **Mobile Tour 2: Exploring Indigenous Affordable Housing Innovations**

Join us for an inspiring tour of two groundbreaking affordable housing projects in Saskatoon that are transforming lives and communities. First, we'll visit the nearly completed Hart Road Project, a 73-unit development tailored to Métis and First Nations families. Operated by Camponi Housing Corporation, this vibrant community features homes for diverse family sizes, a gym, a community kitchen designed to foster connection and belonging, and will soon offer a daycare.

Next, explore Aggie's House and Shirley's House, a vital emergency and transitional housing initiative for First Nations, Métis, and LGBTQ2S+ individuals fleeing domestic violence. Operated by CUMFI, this innovative project utilizes volumetric modular construction under the Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative, with support from provincial and municipal governments.

Experience how integrated design and thoughtful planning are creating inclusive spaces where dignity and resilience thrive. Witness the future of housing solutions and the power of collaboration.

### **Mobile Tour 3: The Landscape of Social Impact Organizations in Saskatoon**

Curious about Saskatoon's ecosystem of social impact organizations? Join us for a bus tour through the core of our city, showcasing the current landscape of available supports. Starting with innovative social enterprises by Quint Development Corporation and Saskatoon Tribal Council's Sawēyhtotān program providing First Nations-led housing and outreach options, you will gain firsthand insights into the impactful work being done.

Then, we'll explore the housing continuum and recent cold weather strategies at the Salvation Army Crossroads location and discover the new Métis-led community navigation hub and Coordinated Access intake location from Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

Communities across Canada are facing many of the same issues and we have so much to learn from each other! This is a rare opportunity to hear best practices firsthand from the local community and start a conversation about how different jurisdictions across Canada meet similar challenges. Join us to learn about new models, pilot projects, and creative collaborations.

## 3:45 - 5:15pm Concurrent Sessions

### From Growth to Renewal: Transforming challenges into opportunities in housing organizations

Salon ABC

French translation available

Community housing and shelter providers face significant challenges when it comes to change management, organizational growth, and addressing gaps in capacity.

Join this session to hear from organizations who have met change head on and have come out the other side. We'll explore:

- managing service delivery through mergers;
- strategic approaches to managing growth and delivering comprehensive support including data-driven decision making, research collaborations, and training improvements;
- navigating the turbulent waters of system failure; and
- reinventing your organization.

### Indigenous Approaches to Homelessness in Northern Rural Communities

Salon D

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Northern rural communities have a unique, community-centered approach to addressing homelessness, where close-knit relationships and collective responsibility play a pivotal role. In these regions, where everyone knows each other, the approach to homelessness becomes a community-wide effort. With the added challenge of higher building costs, Indigenous-led organizations have developed innovative, culturally relevant solutions to meet the housing needs of their communities.

Join our panel of experts in Indigenous Homelessness as they share insights on the strategies and solutions being implemented in northern rural areas:

- **Community-Centered Approaches:** How Indigenous northern communities tackle homelessness with a focus on collective support and cultural understanding.
- **Building Challenges:** The complexities and barriers to constructing housing in northern regions and how these communities overcome them.

- **Dual Role of Builder and Provider:** Exploring the challenges and benefits of being both the builder and the housing provider in these unique, remote communities.

This session offers an in-depth look at the resilience and resourcefulness of Indigenous communities in the North, where innovation and community collaboration are key to addressing homelessness.

### Building Resilience: Advancing housing access, retention, and community land trusts Gallery A

As we try to build sector capacity, we are faced with the challenge of preserving affordable housing units. So, how can we increase the community housing sector's share of the housing market?

This session will feature speakers from organizations who are looking to both preserve and create affordable housing units in Canada. Join us to gain an understanding of:

- volume strategies that are working to achieve a minimum of 20% of market share under non-profit management in Quebec,
- equipping nonprofits to navigate the complex landscape of housing preservation,
- successful interventions by community land trusts to grow and steward community housing across Canada, and more.

### Inclusive Solutions: Data, policy, and partnerships in ending homelessness Gallery B

Inclusive, equitable housing solutions are critical to realizing the right to housing in Canada.

Many organizations employ evidence-based solutions to meet the diverse needs of their communities. Join us to explore:

- findings from the *Understanding and Estimating Hidden Homelessness in Saskatoon project*,
- policy recommendations for developing culturally competent and gender-sensitive practices and programming to address the needs of diverse communities,
- the development of Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services' renewed *Ontario Urban & Rural (OUR) Indigenous Housing Framework*, and more.



## Investing in the Future: Making the case for increased government funding in affordable housing

### Gallery C

Greater and consistent funding from all levels of government is needed to ensure the sustainability and growth of the community housing sector and its ability to help solve the housing crisis.

Join this session to learn how we as a sector can make our case to the government using research on:

- the impact of housing on the economy,
- productivity implications of housing investment,
- how investment in affordable housing contributes to the economy,
- the proactive vs reactive costs of homelessness, and
- the relationship between food bank use and future homelessness.

## Pathways to Healing: Transforming housing and health for urban and Indigenous communities

### Gallery D

Wraparound services play a critical role in addressing the housing and homelessness crisis.

Join speakers from organizations that meet their clients where they're at and help them access the housing and services they need to succeed. Learn about:

- the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres' Urban Indigenous Homeward Bound (UIHB) program that prevents homelessness by addressing the barriers sole-parent Indigenous mothers face when trying to find safety, employment and prosperity for themselves and their children, and
- The Horizons at 106 – a transformative Transitional Supportive Housing Initiative that works towards fundamentally changing how the community tackles homelessness.

# PRESIDENT'S PAJAMAS AND PEARLS PARTY

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All Day  
**Quiet Room**

7:30 - 8:30am  
**Breakfast**

8:30 - 10:00am  
**Day Two Opening and Plenary:  
Stewarding the Next Generation of  
Community Housing Leaders**

10:00 - 10:45am  
**CHRA Awards presentation**

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**Concurrent Sessions**

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**Lunch**

12:15 - 1:45  
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Salon ABCD

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Join us for a special live taping of the *On the Way Home* podcast with host Michael Braithwaite, featuring participants from CHRA's Housing Professionals Mentorship Program (HPMP). This engaging plenary will explore careers in housing, the impact of mentorship, and the challenges and successes of emerging leaders in the sector. As Canada's community housing landscape evolves, hear firsthand how HPMP is shaping the next generation of professionals and strengthening leadership for a more sustainable future. Don't miss this dynamic conversation on the power of mentorship in building a thriving housing sector!

10:00 - 10:45am  
**CHRA Awards presentation**  
Salon ABCD

French translation available

Join us to recognize our 2025 CHRA Award winners! We'll celebrate recipients of our newly revamped awards program, in the following categories:

- **Outstanding Program or Initiative: Organization**
- **Outstanding Development: Organization**
- **Indigenous Cultural Sustainability: Organization**
- **Leadership: Individual**



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## 11:15am - 12:15pm Concurrent Sessions

### Empowering Communities: Promising housing practices for francophone populations

Salon ABC

French translation available

Across Canada, important work is being done in the housing sector by and with francophone communities. Join a panel of experts to explore:

- the process of developing a suite of housing models and support services in the face of rising real estate costs and increasing complexity of homelessness,
- a voluntary trusteeship program that focuses on achieving housing stability for vulnerable tenants, and
- providing affordable housing and supports to francophone seniors in majority anglophone communities.

### Métis 101: An Exploration of Métis Language and Culture

Salon D

Métis culture and language are rich, vibrant, and deeply woven into Canada's history. The Métis language, Michif,

along with Métis cultural traditions, reflects the unique blend of Indigenous and European influences, rooted in resilience, community, and identity that continues to shape and strengthen Métis heritage today.

This interactive session will provide an engaging introduction to who we are as Métis people, using storytelling, games, and discussion to bring our history and traditions to life. No long lectures, just hands-on learning and meaningful connections.

What to Expect:

- **Métis History** – A look at the origins, evolution, and contributions of the Métis Nation.
- **Métis Symbols & Traditions** – Exploring the meaning behind Métis cultural markers.
- **Teachings & Customs** – Intergenerational knowledge shared through the traditions that define Métis culture, including music and dance.
- **Language Games** – Fun and interactive ways to learn and connect with Heritage Michif.

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## Creative Debt Financing Solutions for Housing Providers

### Gallery A

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Join the Vancity Community Investment Bank (VCIB) team as they present case studies showcasing innovative financing solutions for housing providers (including non-profit and affordable housing providers), featuring Parkdale Land Trust, Phoenix Co-op, and Houses Opening Today Tomorrow. The team will delve into the specifics of each deal, detailing the financing requests, the roadblocks encountered, and the solutions implemented. This session will demonstrate how VCIB has successfully navigated challenges specific to non-profit housing providers and facilitated financing for community-driven housing projects.

## Innovative Housing Solutions: Supporting societal re-entry and complex health needs

### Gallery B

Organizations offering specialized supports and services to specific demographics are faced with unique opportunities and challenges.

Join this session to learn from organizations who have improved outcomes for the populations they serve. Get an understanding of:

- challenges and successes in providing safe, secure and affordable housing options to people exiting custody;
- the importance of housing in reintegration and reducing recidivism,
- housing and outreach models that address the health and social needs of the people served;
- how data collection at intake and discharge and follow up in the areas of health, housing, support, substance use, and apprehension mitigation can improve outcomes; and more.

## Unlocking Growth: PEI's targeted approach to expanding community housing

### Gallery C

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How can small-scale housing providers overcome capacity challenges to drive meaningful expansion? Prince Edward Island is tackling this pressing issue head-on with the Community Housing Expansion

Pilot (CHEP), an innovative initiative designed to increase the supply of non-market community housing through strategic partnerships and sustainable growth strategies.

Join us to discover how the Government of Prince Edward Island, in collaboration with the Community Housing Transformation Centre (the Centre) and LIFT Impact Partners, is helping housing providers with the necessary tools and resources to scale their operations effectively and sustainably.

CHEP follows a three-phase approach to help community housing providers move from assessment to action, ultimately leading to an increase in permanently affordable rental housing through strategic acquisitions and new construction projects.

In this session, the Centre will provide an in-depth look at how this collaborative effort could set a new standard for sustainable growth through key pillars:

- Cohort Collaboration: Fostering shared learning and maximize collective impact among community housing organisations.
- Capacity Building: Developing tailored strategies to assess and enhance organizational capacity.
- Growth Strategies: Identifying and implementing long-term strategic priorities for sustainable growth.
- Sector Transformation: Strengthening leadership within the sector to better address PEI's housing needs.

## Thinking Bigger: Scalable Solutions to the Housing Gap

### Gallery D

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CMHC has calculated that Canada needs to build an additional 3.5MM housing units by 2030 to restore housing affordability - or approximately 750,000 units per year in total. Currently, Canada delivers ~240,000 units per year and this goal implies tripling the rate of housing development nationally. This goal will require us to explore new approaches to building housing, and this panel will explore models that have been used in other countries – and used in Canada to deliver public infrastructure – to deliver at the scale this housing crisis demands.



**12:15 - 2:00pm**  
**Lunch**

**12:15 - 1:45**

### **Supportive Housing Group Meeting** Salon D

Join us for a dedicated discussion on supportive housing during lunch on Thursday. This session will bring together CHRA members who operate supportive housing to network, share experiences, and identify common challenges in design, funding, and sustainability. We'll explore opportunities for developing national building specifications that balance durability, cost-effectiveness, and flexibility while reducing contradictions between municipal requirements. A pre-meeting survey will help capture insights from a broader audience. Don't miss this chance to connect and shape the future of supportive housing in Canada!

**2:00 - 3:30pm**  
**Concurrent Sessions**

### **Expanding Horizons: New strategies for growing the community housing sector**

Salon ABC

French translation available

Recent research notes that Canada's social housing sector is half the size of the OECD average. In the face of inconsistent government funding, the goal of doubling the community housing sector's market share calls for innovative strategies.

Join our panel as we explore strategies and ideas including:

- acquisition,
- patient affordable housing that can evolve overtime to more affordable levels, and
- ideas that will drive change and how we can push for them during the next federal election.

### **Designing for All: Neuroinclusivity and intentional communities in affordable housing** Salon D

Neurodivergent individuals and those with disabilities require specialized housing solutions and are often underserved.

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Community Housing  
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Join our panel of experts to learn about ways to support these populations. Get an understanding of:

- innovative and collaborative approaches to housing for neurodivergent and Autistic individuals,
- barriers to housing for those with disabilities and how to address them in your organization,
- the Intentional Community Residence Model – a person-centered approach to creating affordable, inclusive housing for individuals with developmental disabilities, and more.

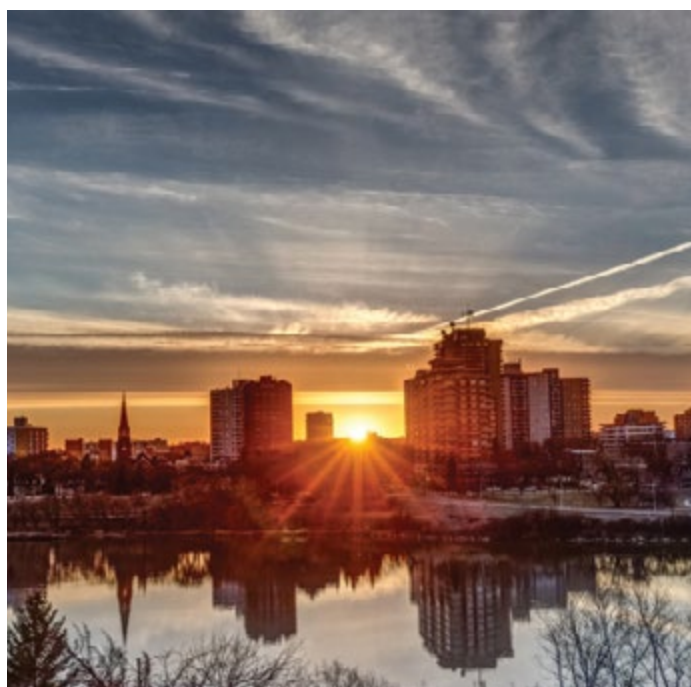
### **Collaborative Solutions: Building Net Zero and mixed-income communities through public- private partnerships**

Gallery A

Many community housing providers are realizing successful projects by working with private sector partners. These collaborations allow non-profits to leverage partner expertise and capacity to achieve their goals.

Join this session to get an understanding of:

- working with partners from design, funding applications, construction, right through to occupancy to leverage all three levels of government funding;
- processes for building partnerships and identifying the appropriate developer partner;
- different partnership models; and more.



## Building Resilient Homes: Energy Efficiency Solutions for Métis Communities

### Gallery B



Ensuring energy efficiency and resilience in housing is essential for the sustainability and well-being of housing in Saskatchewan. This session will explore Saskatchewan communities' unique challenges, from extreme weather conditions to limited access to resources. Participants will gain insights into best practices, innovative solutions, and practical strategies for improving housing efficiency, reducing energy costs, and enhancing long-term resilience.

- Building Sciences 101: A foundational understanding of building science principles, focusing on how heat, air and moisture interact within buildings.
- Facing Challenges: Exploring the challenges prairie communities face and how to incorporate climate-responsive design and techniques.

Through real-world examples and engaging discussions, attendees will leave with actionable takeaways to support sustainable housing initiatives in their communities.

## Collaborative Solutions: Data-driven insights and community-driven co-op housing

### Gallery C

Co-operative housing is a well-documented success story. For over 50 years, co-ops have provided good quality, affordable housing owned and managed by community members.

Join a panel of co-op housing experts to learn about:

- the historical context and the case for co-ops;
- tools to create new co-op homes today in communities across the country;
- a pilot program that provides an Annual Health Check for co-ops, and how it can improve business decisions, manage risks, and enhance performance through benchmarking; and more.

## Bridging the Gap: Confronting racial disparities and advancing housing equity

### Gallery D

Black individuals are disproportionately affected by the housing crisis, experiencing higher rates of housing insecurity and homelessness.

Research and initiatives suggest that community-centred, collaborative solutions are critical in addressing this gap. Join us as we explore:

- the role of housing through socioeconomic disparities that affects Black communities,
- viable opportunities to address racial housing inequity,
- the journey to establish the Black Communities Technical Housing Resource Centre and how its model incorporates systems-change principles to address historical and structural gaps in housing, and more.





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### **Mobile Tour 4: 3twenty Modular**

3twenty is a leading designer and builder of projects utilizing a modular building process. Based in Saskatoon, 3twenty constructs and delivers about 150,000 square feet of buildings annually across Western Canada.

Join us for a tour of 3twenty Modular's state-of-the-art facility and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at how they're redefining the construction experience and offering innovative housing solutions.

The tour will take you through their high-performance office and shop, highlighting their integrated design-build process, and offering an inside view of a transitional housing project for the PA Community Housing Society Inc., currently under construction in their yard.

### **Mobile Tour 5: YWCA Expansion**

Discover the transformative power of community-driven innovation on a tour of the YWCA's new 35-unit transitional housing facility, a beacon of hope for women and children in crisis.

Built in under three years through the Rapid Housing Initiative, this project showcases the power of collaboration, integrating funding from all levels of government and an innovative design-build approach. With spacious 2- and 3-bedroom suites designed to keep families together, the building addresses the urgent demand for safe, supportive housing – demand that saw over 4,700 women and children turned away annually. This tour offers a glimpse into a model solution for the housing crisis, where compassion and innovation create lasting impact.

### **Mobile Tour 6: Partnerships and Supportive Housing/Social Housing Rejuvenation**

Partnerships between housing providers, service providers, and government agencies are crucial for developing strong housing programs. This tour provides an opportunity to tour two unique projects that highlight the value of partnership and collaboration.

Kii Kinaahk Village, comprised of two separate apartment buildings, is a supportive housing program operated by SaskNative Rentals in partnership with Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Services and Prairie Harm Reduction. Kii Kinaahk operates on a client-centred, harm reduction basis and offers programming including a Managed Alcohol Program, onsite nursing staff, cultural and peer supports, and intensive case management. Kii Kinaahk has seen strong outcomes for their tenants, who are considered to be among Saskatoon's "hardest to house."

Leif Erickson Place, a 61-unit Saskatoon Housing Authority social housing project, had not seen any major renovations since its construction and required extensive work to address code upgrades for tenant safety, functionality, and appeal. The project was completed over four years, using a phased approach for minimal impact to the existing tenants. The result of this project is a refreshed and modernized complex, which now houses 52 families ranging in size from two to 10 people.



3:45 - 5:15pm

## Congress Send-Off

Salon ABCD

French translation available

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Join Métis Nation-Saskatchewan for an unforgettable day of Métis history, culture, and community at the Batoche Historic Site.

#### Event Highlights

- **Guided Tour of Batoche Historic Site**  
Explore the heart of Métis heritage with a tour of the Batoche Historic Site
- **Lunch at Dumont Lodge**  
Enjoy a delicious meal surrounded by rich Métis history and culture
- **Bison Viewing**  
Experience majestic bison in their natural habitat
- **Transportation Provided**  
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**Note:** this event is open only to those who registered in advance.





# Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) is a Treasury Board Crown Corporation responsible for housing policy, programs and services in Saskatchewan. Operating under the authority of *The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Act*, SHC is accountable to Cabinet through the Minister of Social Services.

## Mandate

SHC provides housing and housing services to people who could not otherwise afford or access adequate, safe and secure shelter, while recognizing the marketplace as the primary housing provider in the province. SHC also plays a lead role in developing housing policies on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan and manages financial contributions from the provincial, federal and municipal levels of government, as well as revenues from rents.

## Providing Support along the Housing Continuum

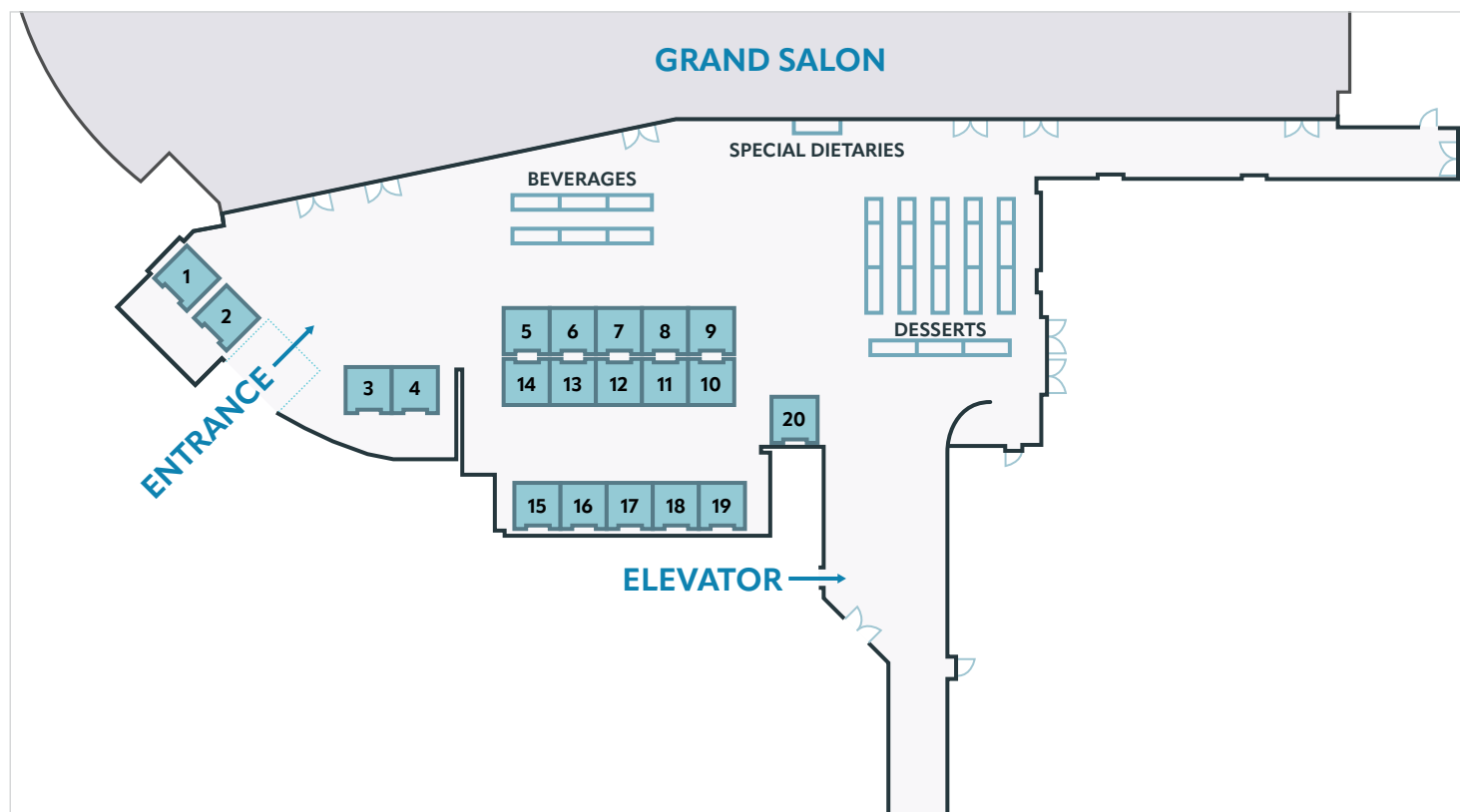
Working alongside other provincial ministries, housing authorities, community partners, and local governments, SHC strives to create and offer an array of housing programs and services along the housing continuum:

- Emergency shelter addresses immediate needs for a warm and safe place to stay.
- Supportive housing provides stability and support for people who need help with addictions and mental health support.
- Social housing offers rent based on income for families and seniors.
- Rental benefits help tenants afford housing costs in the private market.
- Repair and adaptation programs keep homeowners in their homes.

# 2025 CHRA Tradeshow

8:00am - 4:00pm | Wednesday, April 30

CHRA is proud to welcome our Tradeshow exhibitors to the 2025 Congress! Attend the Tradeshow on April 30 and connect with businesses, suppliers, service providers, and sector partners that can assist your organization with property management, finance, operations, and more!



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4	Community Housing Coverage
5	Community Housing Transformation Centre
6	Regional Energy Coach
7	Co-Operative Housing Federation of Canada
8	CORCAN – Correctional Services Canada
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10	Got Mold?
11	NECSWS

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13	Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services
14	Rural Impact Canada
15	Home Depot
16	Saskatchewan Housing Corp
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### Proposer des recherches, des données et une expertise objectives

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The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a row of colorful, multi-story houses in St. John's, Newfoundland. The houses are painted in bright blue, yellow, and red. They have white window frames and dark roofs. In the background, there is a harbor with several boats and a green, hilly coastline under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

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