



10th Annual First Nations Northern Housing Conference

February 14, 15 & 16, 2012

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Delegate Information

The premiere event for Northern First Nations housing professionals is back again. The 10th Annual First Nations Northern Housing Conference 2012 will be held at the Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, on February 14th, 15th, and 16th. If you have been to this event before you know how valuable the knowledge imparted to the delegates is and how this event continues to grow year after year. Join colleagues from over 80 First Nations Communities in Northern Ontario as they explore and learn the best ways and practices involved in providing quality and safe housing for First Nations Communities in Northern Ontario. TV and Radio personality and all 'round handyman Jon Eakes will once again be on hand to host the ever popular **Builders Challenge**.

In honour of this year's celebration our theme is "A Decade of Building Together". We will take the opportunity to recognize and look back on the impact of this event on the Northern First Nations housing industry and its First Nations Housing Professionals. This event's main goal has always been to help build capacity amongst First Nations Communities through educating both the Administrative and Technical delegates who attend. Housing leaders utilize the conference to learn the latest technology and solutions as well as network with suppliers and other First Nations Communities.

The NHC 2012 trade show will feature suppliers and products of interest to everyone in the First Nations housing industry. Exhibitors are already signing up to be a part of this year's event. It is a great forum to meet local, regional and national vendors and organizations that can be of great assistance to the housing professional. Should you know of any company or organization who might be interested in exhibiting at this trade show please have them contact our office or visit our website at www.northernhousingconference.com.

The Housing Innovation Showcase is an opportunity to recognize innovations and achievements in housing initiatives at a community level. Listening to the Communities recognized as part of this popular awards program is one of the most motivational and inspiring parts of the conference. We encourage your community to share your experience with everyone at this year's conference. If your community has done something innovative or exceptional in housing, contact your Technical Service Provider, your Community could be recognized at this year's conference. The Housing Innovation Showcase culminates with a gathering dinner on the Wednesday evening where the honourees are recognized and, more importantly, the experiences are shared with everyone at the conference. It is truly an inspirational and educational experience.

The Northern First Nations Housing Conference is the industry event for both networking and learning. It is where community leaders and housing professionals come together to meet quality suppliers, attend leading edge workshops, and collaborate with their fellow professionals in other First Nations Communities. The 10th Annual Northern First Nations Housing Conference is an important part of the housing industry in Northern First Nations communities. Make your plans now to attend. We hope to see you there.



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REGISTRATION

We have enclosed registration forms and posters for the event. Please ensure distribution to anyone that would benefit from attending this conference.

Conference Organizing Committee

The following Tribal Councils make up the Conference Organizing Committee:

Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council	Nokiiwin Tribal Council
Bimose Tribal Council	Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation
Independent First Nations Alliance	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zhing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services
Keewaytinook Okimakanak	Shibogama First Nations Council
Matawa First Nations Management Inc.	Windigo First Nations Council
Mushkegowuk Council	

Communities represented by one of the Conference Organizing Committee Tribal Councils are entitled to sponsorship benefits, as outlined below.

Sponsored Delegates

Again this year the following expenses are covered for 2 sponsored delegates from each Northern Community represented a Technical Service Provider organizing the conference.

- Hotel rooms will be subsidized as follows:
 - 1 room cost per community (Based on double occupancy for 3 or 4 nights.)**OR**
 - The cost of ½ of the room cost per delegate (Based on double occupancy for 3 or 4 nights.) – to a maximum of 2 delegates. *Additional room charges and the non-sponsored portion of the hotel room is the responsibility of the delegate or their Community/Employer.*

Please note that hotel rooms at the event are limited and are booked on a first come first served basis, there are overflow hotels available in the area for late registrants.
- Meals (breakfast for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and a banquet for Wednesday evening.)
- Conference material and binder
- Conference Registration

Please note that sponsored delegates are responsible for their own travel.



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General Delegates (2 Options)

1. Additional delegates from sponsored Communities are welcome but are subject to a \$275.00 registration fee. Included in this fee is:

- Meals (breakfast for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and a banquet for Wednesday evening.)
- Conference material and binder
- Conference Registration

Please note that general delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

2. If you are from a Community not represented on the Organizing Committee, the registration fee is \$400.00 per person. Again this fee includes:

- Meals (breakfast for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and a banquet for Wednesday evening.)
- Conference material and binder
- Conference Registration

Please note that general delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

For further information, please contact Maria D'Angelo, of The Ad/venture Group at 807-622-1979 or your technical service provider.

We look forward to your participation in this event as we gather at the Valhalla Inn for the 2012 Northern First Nations Housing Conference.

2012 Northern First Nations Housing Conference Committee