



Call for Expressions of Interest for the FNHIC-BC Expert Advisory Group

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The First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council for BC (FNHIC-BC) is currently seeking First Nations expert advisors in housing and infrastructure to be part of the FNHIC-BC Expert Advisory Group (EAG).

FNHIC-BC offers the opportunity to be at the leading edge of transformative change in the field of First Nations housing and infrastructure. FNHIC-BC was mandated by BC First Nations Leadership to create a Housing & Infrastructure Authority and transfer services and authorities from the federal government. In order to build a “Made in BC First Nations Authority” FNHIC -BC is engaging with First Nations around the province and researching topics that are critical to achieving their mandate, preparing for negotiations, and gathering expert knowledge on housing and infrastructure transformation in BC.

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) will provide analysis and advice to FNHIC-BC, through the Executive Director, on the details around creation of a new housing and infrastructure Authority. The EAG serves as a forum for subject matter experts and Knowledge Keepers to ensure that the diverse viewpoints of the BC First Nations are the foundation of the FNHIC’s process in establishing a new Authority. The EAG is sustained by sub-working groups that support the work of the FNHIC.

We are looking for First Nations leaders in the fields of, but not limited to: housing, infrastructure, finance, research, policy and governance. Successful members will be individuals who can function effectively within a team of highly skilled experts.

EAG members are selected considering the following criteria:

- Respect and trust
- Knowledge and expertise of First Nations housing and infrastructure
- Representation from diverse regions, including remote and isolated First Nations
- Experience in First Nations housing and infrastructure services and programs
- Consensus building and group decision-making skills

The EAG will:

- Provide support and advocacy to FNHIC;
- Provide expert knowledge regarding the implementation of programs and services under the committee’s mandate;
- Advise the FNHIC on its knowledge gathering activities, including the analysis and research regarding existing and/or future housing programs and services; and



- Make recommendations to the FNHIC-BC on policies, programs, government-to-government issues, or any other matter that pertains to their mandate.

The EAG will meet 4 times per year, with two in-person meetings proposed, pending COVID-19 travel restrictions. All other meetings will be held virtually. Members will be invited to work on sub-working groups, focused in their fields of expertise. These working groups may meet more frequently than the EAG.

Remuneration:

- Members will be reimbursed travel-related costs in accordance with FNHIC's Travel Policy.
- Professional Fees shall be reimbursed in accordance with FNHIC's Remuneration Policy.

While all eligible applicants are encouraged to apply, the FNHIC-BC recognizes the importance of a First Nations voice, and strongly encourages applications from First Nations people across British Columbia.

Please send your resumes and personal references to: engagement@fnhic-bc.ca

Deadline: June 19, 2020

All successful applicants will be contacted by: **June 25, 2020**

It is anticipated the work of the EAG will commence in July 2020.