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# **Northern Housing Summit Northern Solutions for Northern Housing**

## **Summary Report**

**Inuvik, NWT  
April 23-24, 2019**



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### **Minister's Message**

**It was my absolute pleasure to host the Northern Housing Summit in my hometown of Inuvik on April 23-24, 2019.**

**This was a landmark event that brought together all governments, development corporations, private industry, non-governmental organizations, and other important stakeholders to discuss housing in the Northwest Territories.**

**Participants got to listen to and participate in panels that covered a variety of topics from funding opportunities to developing the next generation of skilled trade workers.**

**I am pleased to see that partnerships and connections were made that will explore opportunities, leverage investment, access funding and develop skills in our communities.**

**Together wisdom and knowledge was shared by all participants including Indigenous leaders, community leaders, private investors, all orders of government, and non-governmental organizations.**

**Our actions of listening to each other, sharing ways to build capacity, and network with other northern housing stakeholders models and strategies in moving forward with sustainable, energy-efficient, and meaningful short, medium, and long-term Northern Solutions for Northern Housing.**

**Thank you**

**Alfred Moses**

**Minister Responsible for the  
Northwest Territories Housing  
Corporation**



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## Participants

Organization	Name
Aklavik Community Corporation	Chair Jordan McLeod
Community Government of Behchoko	Chief Clifford Daniels
YYC Properties	Tyler Herbid
Behdzi Ahda First Nation	Fred Johnn Barnaby
Deline Gotine Government	Ekw'atide Leeroy Andre
Yellowknives Dene First Nation	Chief Edward Sangris
Yellowknives Dene First Nation	Jason Snaggs
Kasho Got'ine Housing Society	James Cesar
Kasho Got'ine Housing Society	Roger Boniface
Acho Dene Koe Corporate Arm	Barney Dohm
Fort McPherson Property Management	Mary Rose Tetlich
Hamlet of Fort McPherson	Leslie Blake
Fort Providence Métis Nation	President Clifford McLeod
Fort Resolution Metis	Lloyd Cardinal
Fort Resolution Metis	Belinda Mandeville
Fort Simpson Metis Nation	Darlene Sibbeston
Liidlii Kue First Nation	Chief Gerald Antoine
Liidlii Kue First Nation	Liza McPherson
Fort Simpson Metis Nation	Ashley Okrainec
Community Government of Gameti	Frank Arrowmaker
Community Government of Gameti	Priscilla Bekale
West Point First Nation	Becky Cayen
NWT Metis Nation	Paul Harrington
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	Chair Duane Ningaqsiq Smith
Nihtat Gwich'in Council	Chair Jozef Carnogursky
Gwich'in Tribal Council	Grand Chief Bobbie Jo Greenland Morgan
Inuvik Homeless Shelter	Lucy Kaptuna
Inuvialuit Development Corporation	Denny Rodgers
Inuvialuit Development Corporation	Patrick Gruben
GNWT	Peter Clarkson
Nunavut Housing Corporation	Jason Gautreau
Nunavut Housing Corporation	Stephen Hooey
Nunavut Housing Corporation	Michael Murphy
TthedzehK'edeli First Nation	Chief Stanley Sanguéz
TthedzehK'edeli First Nation	Marilyn Hardisty
Kátl'odeeche First Nation	Chief April Martel
Łutselk'e Dene First Nation	Addie Jonasson
Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated	Chair Charles McNeely
GNWT	Minister Alfred Moses
Paulatuk	His Worship Mayor Ray Ruben Sr.
Paulatuk Community Corporation	Jody Illasiak
Paulatuk Community Corporation	Chris Ruben
Smith Landing First Nation	Jasmine Norne
Keynote Speaker	Douglas Cardinal
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Nicole Church
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Catherine Pak
Ryerson University	Shelagh McCartney
Horizon North	Kevin Reeves
Horizon North	Rick Welch



## Participants

Organization	Name
Employment and Social Development	Angela Gillis
Tlicho Government	Grand Chief George Mackenzie
Tlicho Government	Celine Zoe
Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation	Jocelyn Noksana
Keynote Speaker	Nellie Cournoyea
Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation	Annie Steen
Community Government of Wekweti	Chief Charlie Football
West Point First Nation	Sonya Frise
Community Government of Whati	Chief Alfonz Nitsiza
Community Government of Whati	Mike Nitsiza
Yukon College	Steven Mooney
North Slave Metis Alliance	President William Enge
NWT Housing Corporation	Tom R. Williams
NWT Housing Corporation	Franklin Carpenter
NWT Housing Corporation	Jim Martin
NWT Housing Corporation	Charles Sanders
NWT Housing Corporation	Revi Lau-a
North Slave Metis Alliance	Marc Whitford
Denedeh Development Corp	Darrell Beaulieu
Health and Social Services	Christopher Clarke
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Sandra Turner
Legislative Assembly	MLA Julie Green
Legislative Assembly	MLA Shane Thompson
Legislative Assembly	MLA Michael Nadli
NWT Disabilities Council	Johnelle Joseph
NWT Seniors Society	Suzette Montreuil
NWT Housing Corporation	Robert Voudrach
NWT Housing Corporation	Larry Jones
NWT Housing Corporation	Scott Reid
NWT Housing Corporation	Ruth McKeown
NWT Housing Corporation	Margaret Bell
NWT Housing Corporation	Dana Francey
NWT Housing Corporation	Ben Fraser
NWT Housing Corporation	Erin Shea
NWT Housing Corporation	Cara Bryant
NWT Housing Corporation	Janelle Derksen
NWT Housing Corporation	Joyce Taylor
NWT Housing Corporation	Terry Fisher
Legislative Assembly	MLA Frederick Blake
Education, Culture and Employment	Sara Rylot
Northwinds Consulting	Al Twissel
NWT Housing Corporation	Ronna Sharegan
Yellowknives Dene First Nation	Paul Gruner
NWT Metis Dene Development Fund	Jake Heron
NWT Housing Corporation	Bernard Park
Arctic Energy Alliance	Sheena Adams

## Background:

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) has been implementing initiatives related to its Strategic Renewal since the Spring of 2016, grounded in the mandate of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly and *Voices in Housing*, the summary feedback from the 2017 Housing Engagement Survey. Further, in November 2018, the NWT HC signed a bilateral partnership agreement on the National Housing Strategy with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), which stipulates a partnership arrangement to 2028 totalling \$87 million in federal investment and alongside NWT HC cost-matches, a total of \$140 million. Additionally, as part of the National Housing Strategy, the federal government launched the National Housing Co-Investment Fund to stimulate the construction and rejuvenation of affordable housing nationally. The NWT has access to \$60 million in federal partnership funding to 2028. Projects can qualify for up to 75% of project funding.

To engage with community leaders and housing stakeholders regarding these opportunities and to inform further decision-making and actions around Strategic Renewal, the Minister Responsible for the NWT HC, the Hon. Alfred Moses proposed the convening of a Northern Housing Summit in Inuvik, NWT. The main objectives of the Summit include:

1. Communicate housing investment opportunities to housing stakeholders
2. Provide a collaborative housing forum for partnership-building
3. Present an array of community design and capacity-building tools
4. Allow for networking and the formation of community and stakeholder relationships

The Minister has a keen interest in promoting partnerships, cooperative work, and opportunities to improve housing conditions for NWT residents. Over one hundred delegates attended and participated in the Northern Housing Summit. They represented the majority of communities, all Territorial government, Indigenous governments and organizations, private businesses and industry, non-governmental organizations, development corporations, political leaders and other stakeholders and interested persons. Feedback from delegates on the summit was overwhelmingly positive (see Appendix 1: Forum Evaluation Report)

The range of topics included information on recent initiatives such as: the National Housing Strategy, the National Housing Co-Investment fund, the NWT HC's Community Housing Support Initiative, the development of Community Housing Plans for each NWT community, green-energy solutions, training future tradespersons and housing for healthy communities.

The theme of the Housing Summit is a continuation of the NWT HC's 2012 Strategic Framework: Building for the Future and a mandate priority of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly: addressing issues by developing Northern Solutions for Northern Housing.

## Day 1: Tuesday, April 23

### Introduction

Tom R. Williams President and CEO of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation acted as the Master of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone to the housing summit and provided an overview of the proceedings over the two days. He introduced Winston Moses, a Gwich'in elder and Lillian Elias, an Inuvialuit elder who both provided prayers to open the conference.

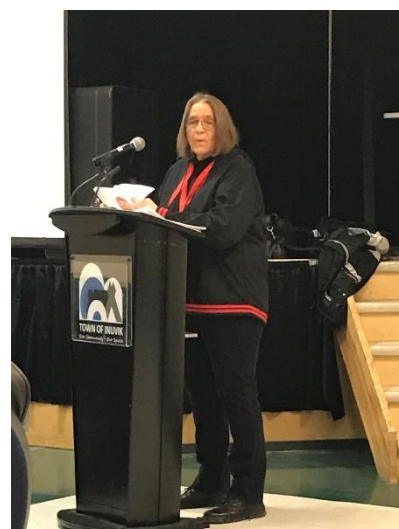
### Welcoming & Opening Remarks:

Minister Moses welcomed delegates to Inuvik and he emphasized the need for collaboration and partnership going forward across all sectors to improve housing in NWT communities. He urged delegates to network with other representatives and leaders to leverage knowledge and capacity. Duane Smith, the Chair of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation provided greetings and Bobbie-Jo Greenland Morgan, Grand Chief of the Gwich'in Tribal Council also thanked everyone for coming to Inuvik.



### Keynote Speaker: Nellie Cournoyea

The first keynote speaker was Ms. Nellie Cournoyea, born in Aklavik, Northwest Territories and raised in the traditional lifestyle of the Inuvialuit of the Mackenzie Delta. She gave a unique perspective to NWT history as a former NWT Premier and four-term MLA. She described her time as the first female premier of a Canadian territory and the second female premier in Canadian history. Ms. Cournoyea holds the distinction of being the first indigenous woman to lead a provincial or territorial government. Her message of community-minded solutions, no matter how small like beautification and rejuvenation through painting of houses, resonated with the crowd.



### **Presentation: Community Housing Support Initiative Panel**

The first presentation involved the NWTCH's Community Housing Support Initiative (CHSI). Mr. Williams provided an overview of the program, which involves a flexible contribution from the NWTCH through either a grant, grant-in-kind (e.g. materials, housing unit, land, technical or project management support) in support of a project identified by a community organization or Indigenous government. The community proponent develops a housing solution based on the community priority that they identify. The community proponent is required to provide a partnership contribution to the project. The allocation of the housing infrastructure or its ongoing operations are the responsibility of the community proponent.

Chief Stanley Sanguéz of the Jean Marie River First Nation spoke of some of the housing challenges in Jean Marie River and how a partnership with the NWTCH under the CHSI has helped to address some of these issues. Through the CHSI, two modular housing units were brought to Jean Marie River. Chief Sanguéz indicated that these units will help retain workers or attract them to the community.

Chief April Martel, K'at'l'odeeche First Nation (KFN) described how the KFN is working with the NWTCH to bring back Public Housing to the Hay River Reserve, as well as the capacity to administer the program. Ten units are expected prior to the end of the summer. KFN is coordinating the repairs to these units. This is especially timely given the need to help alleviate some of the rental pressures in Hay River due to the High Rise fire.

### **Presentation: National Housing Co-Investment Fund Panel**

In this presentation, it was illustrated how partnerships can leverage the individual resources of each partner and result in a much more impactful effect on community housing. That is the philosophy of the National Housing Co-Investment Fund, which is a major component of the federal government's National Housing Strategy. Sandra Turner, a Specialist in Northern Housing for the CMHC provided an overview of the parameters of the program and its eligible activities including the option of stacking



funding to maximize opportunity. Mr. Williams of the NWTCH provided more details regarding the NWTCH's \$60 million "carve-off" of the fund, as well as explaining the potential for up to 75% of project expenses being covered by the fund. Stephen Hooey, the CFO of Nunavut

Housing Corporation described how the fund is supporting the development of a transitional housing complex in Iqaluit.

### **Mobile Tours**

The end of the afternoon sessions of Day 1 were capped off with first a walking tour to the Inuvik Homeless Shelter to see how this community resource supports the immediate needs of 15-20 residents daily who may not have anywhere else to go.

Then delegates took a bus ride through Inuvik past some current housing developments including a duplex, triplex and six-plex built by the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and Nappaq Design and Construction and a 17-unit apartment building under construction by the NWT Housing Corporation. The tour also stopped by the Northern Sustainable House, a collaboration by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the NWTHC intended to test promising energy efficient housing features.

### **Minister's Reception**

Day 1 concluded in the evening with a reception hosted by the Minister at the Midnight Sun Complex. Delegates had the opportunity to mingle and network with each other. Cultural entertainment was provided by the Inuvik Drum Dancers who, after numerous dances, invited delegates forward to learn some of the moves.





## Day 2: Wednesday, April 24

### Keynote Speaker: Douglas Cardinal

Delegates had the opportunity to hear from one of Canada's and the world's pre-eminent architects, famous for incorporating Indigenous design elements into many of his projects over his long and distinguished career. Through Mr. Cardinal's signature Organic Architectural designs, many iconic buildings have been built to co-exist within elegant and nurturing, natural, and sustainable environments. Examples are the Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec, and National



Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Douglas was born in Calgary, AB. He is of Métis, Blackfoot/Kainai, German and Algonquin heritage.

Educated at the University of British Columbia and the University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Cardinal received the awards of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honor, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Gold Medal, and the declaration of Professor and Academician as "World Master of Contemporary Architecture" by the International Association of Architects (IAA), to celebrate his unwavering dedication to excellence in all of his projects. Douglas Cardinal is one of the visionaries of a new world - a world where beauty, balance and harmony thrive, where client, architect, and stakeholder build together with a common vision.

Exploring the philosophies of sustainability, green buildings and ecologically designed community planning, Douglas Cardinal took us on a journey of the themes that have driven his passion for architecture. Mr. Cardinal described his inspiration from his observation of Nature and how it works together seamlessly. He spoke of the power of people to create and change our environments. Mr. Cardinal's work has brought him to the North on many occasions for numerous projects, including the design of Diamond Jenness Secondary School in Hay River, the Cambridge Bay Multi-use Complex, and early in his career, the Bailey residence in Inuvik.

Mr. Cardinal also discussed his primary motivation and approach to his work as an architect influenced by his Indigenous knowledge and culture as an integrated component in his much appreciated national and international architecture. His words motivated delegates on an individual creative level to consider what each of them could do to make a difference in their living environment, community, and the world.



### **Concurrent Session 1A: Indigenous Housing Panel**

Indigenous governments are increasingly driving the design elements and direction of housing to promote traditional lifestyles and cultural practices in NWT communities. Representing distinct groups, the panelists described trends in Indigenous housing in Canada, a few of their current activities, and how they support the long-term housing design and implementation aspirations of their peoples, communities, and regions. More and more modern construction in Indigenous communities is considering design and components that are culturally appropriate - from the use of surrounding natural material to incorporating gathering spaces, to including spaces for traditional activities, such as food preservation and hide tanning.

This session showcased a diverse group of panelists with an array of different interactions with the housing industry. Patrick Gruben, the Chair of the Inuvialuit Development Corporation talked about supporting Inuvialuit not only through housing, but also through economic development that has lasting impacts through capacity development. Darrell Beaulieu CEO of the Denendeh Group of Companies provided an overview of the many different ventures that Denendeh was involved in and also described his partnership approach. Josef Carnogursky, President of the Nihtat Gwich'in indicated that the Nihtat Gwich'in were utilizing seed funding from CMHC, a funding pot that provides financial support to housing proponents to engage in planning activities such as developing a business case, market studies, geotechnical work and other planning activities. They are using the seed funding to explore the development of more affordable housing in Inuvik and how their organization can participate in developing this housing. Larry Jones, a Senior Project Officer with the NWTHC provided important historical context on the development of housing in the NWT over the past 30 years. Christopher Clarke, an Indigenous architect based in Yellowknife gave an overview of best practices for engaging with communities when planning large infrastructure projects. Lastly, Shelagh McCartney, an Assistant Professor with Ryerson University discussed her extensive experience with working with Indigenous communities to support them in developing housing priorities for their communities.

### **Concurrent Session 1B: Training Future Tradespersons Panel**

The coming deficit in the training and availability of skilled trades-workers is noted in the GNWT "Skills for Success" Job Demand: 15-year forecast report. Panelists in this session discussed strategies to motivate and engage the next generation of skilled trade workers (youth and other learners) to consider training in the construction-related trades. Present and future work demand for tradespersons will remain consistent and stable. Attendees learned about





resources that are available to communities to support youth and other interested and motivated learners of all genders to train to become community tradespersons.

Sarah Rylott, an Advisor on Program Development and Training with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) provided information on ECE's Apprenticeship, Trades and Occupation Certification (AOC) Program:

<https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/en/services/apprenticeship-and-trades>

This program is an industry-driven partnership that supports a highly skilled workforce in 53 designated trades and 25 occupations. The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment appoints members to the Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupation Certification Board (ATOCB).

The ATOCB provides advice and is the link between the department and industry, facilitating a strong partnership leading to qualified apprentices and a skilled workforce. There are also five Trades Advisory Committees for the carpentry, plumbing, electrical, heavy equipment technician and housing maintainer trades. The Trades Advisory Committees are made up of representatives from industry. The Advisory Committees provide assistance to ECE by ensuring industry standards are met.

Regional ECE Service Centres are the delivery arm for the AOC training system. ECE Service Centre staff:

- register apprentices and other individuals pursuing certification in designated trades and occupations;
- monitor workplace training of apprentices and counsel employers and apprentices on various aspects of the apprenticeship and industry training system; and
- monitor the workplace for compliance with the [\*Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupation Certification Act and Regulations\*](#).

ECE, along with industry partners, is committed to supporting partnerships, people and possibilities, and building a workforce that contributes to industry and the economic well-being of the Northwest Territories.

Sandra Turner from CMHC provided information on CMHC's Housing Internship Initiative for First Nation and Inuit Youth (HIIFNIY), which seeks to support on-the-job training for First Nations and Inuit youth in the housing industry.

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/developing-and-renovating/developing-for-first-nations/housing-internship-initiative-first-nation-inuit-youth> -



Lastly, Robert Voudrach, a Senior Project Officer with the NWT HC presented information on the NWT HC's initiatives that promote the training of future tradespersons in the construction trades to support existing housing stock and new construction plans in the NWT. One of these initiatives is the NWT HC's Apprenticeship Support Program that provides financial assistance to apprentices working with the NWT HC's community agents, Local Housing Organizations. Mr. Voudrach also described his own journey towards becoming a journey-certified tradesperson from his start as an apprentice at the Tuktoyaktuk Housing Association to working with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation to now as a Senior Project Officer overseeing major capital projects at the NWT HC.

### **Presentation: Community Housing Plans Panel**

Combining the views and knowledge of community residents in conjunction with housing information, the presenters provided information about strategic investment in housing resources through the development of Community Housing Plans. The background to this project stems from the results of the NWT HC 2017 Housing Engagement Survey, *Voices on Housing* in which it was strongly indicated that communities wanted more involvement in housing decisions.

Erin Shea, Manager of Community Planning and Homelessness and Janelle Derksen, Community Planner, both from the NWT HC, provided an overview of the format and process for the development of housing plans for every community. Key steps in the Community Housing Plan process include:

- receiving buy-in and approval from community leadership to engage and support the development of a plan;
- identifying and hiring local people to work within the community on the planning process;
- recording community information for the plan using focus groups;
- hosting a community housing forum;
- engaging in activities for all ages to gather feedback;
- continually reviewing with the community leadership as the plan is developed; and
- providing ongoing monitoring once the plan is developed.

Currently, approximately 10 communities are in various stages of community housing plan development with Whatì and Paulatuk being the most advanced through the process. Chief Alfonz Nitsiza of Whatì and Mayor Ray Ruben Sr. of the Hamlet of Paulatuk discussed how these



plans are moving them towards the goal of achieving the specific housing aspirations of their two communities. They were optimistic that resulting community housing plans will become planning tools to guide housing investment by all housing stakeholders and provide blueprints for increased opportunities for partnership.



### **Concurrent Session 2A: Green Energy Solutions Panel**

One of the primary threats to the sustainability of residents remaining in our small communities is the high cost of living. A major contributor to these costs is what we spend on utilities. Panelists discussed current best practices, current NWT initiatives, and future directions for innovative housing technologies to heat our homes in a harsh climate.

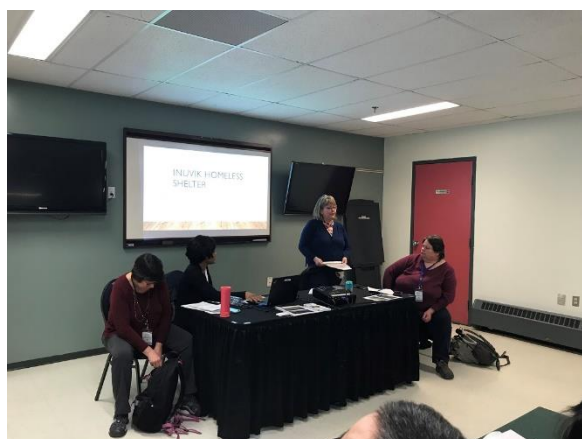
Stephen Mooney, the Director of the Northern Housing Innovation Centre at Yukon College described his mission to develop the Northern Housing Innovation Centre, an educational facility that shares and promotes knowledge of northern housing best practices. The multi-faceted focus of the centre includes building science research, policy best practices and standards, culturally relevant housing, project management, and housing support and construction technologies.

Sheena Adams, an Inuvik-based Program Coordinator for the Arctic Energy Alliance (AEA) described some of the activities that the AEA is involved in to support its mandate of reducing costs and environmental impact of energy and utility consumption.

Scott Reid, the Director of Infrastructure Services for the NWTCH listed some of the many ways the NWTCH incorporates energy-efficiency, alternative energy and climate change mitigation in its infrastructure development. Some of these activities include utilizing biomass, district heating, solar panels, solar hot water, installation of LED lights and mitigating for permafrost degradation through adjustable foundation systems.



## Concurrent Session 2B: Housing for Healthy Communities Panel



There are numerous models of housing that support groups to remain in their home communities, allowing them to continue to contribute to the cultural richness and economic development of their communities. Panelists each discussed actions, statistics, and strategies of their organizations for aging-in-place, housing accessibility, and housing options for residents living with complex needs. Lucy Kuptana, Chair of the Inuvik Homeless Shelter spoke about the operations of her shelter

and how it supports 15-20 residents on average every day who may not have another place to stay. She also described how the organizations in Inuvik work together to support residents that require help. Johnelle Joseph of the NWT Disabilities Council (NWTDC) described the outreach of the NWTDC and that it isn't just a Yellowknife-centric organization. Ms. Joseph talked about the mandate of the NWTDC to improve the lives of people with disabilities everywhere in the NWT. Suzette Montreuil, the Executive Director of NWT Seniors Society provided information to delegates on the significant increases in the senior's population that is now increasing and that is forecasted to continue to increase over the next couple of decades.

Ms. Montreuil asked the crowd to think about the housing considerations required to support this growing demographic. Keynote presenter Nellie Cournoyea attended this session.



Her challenge to everyone else to match her \$10.00 donation to the Inuvik Homeless Shelter was met with an enthusiastic response.

## **Trade Show**

For the benefit of delegates, the following organizations set up booths in the Main Hall:

**YYC Property Solutions** – a private Calgary-based business that builds cost-saving, energy-efficient, modular sustainable building solutions through the use of a structurally insulated panel system that provides a complete building envelope for floors, walls and roofs. This company has established a partnership with Tulita, NWT. (Tyler Henbid-[yycpropertyolutions.com](http://yycpropertyolutions.com))

**Horizon North** – a Canadian construction company that leads modular construction across 3 markets: Residential, Commercial, Industrial.

**Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE)** – staff from ECE’s Labour Market division provided information on training resources for residents, including apprenticeship supports.

**Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)** – Information on CMHC’s suite of initiatives under the National Housing Strategy was available for distribution.

**Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC)** – NWTHC staff was on hand to provide pamphlets on the full slate of NWTHC programming and to answer questions that delegates might have on how to access programs.





## Closing Remarks

Shane Thompson, the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Nahendeh and Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Development, expressed appreciation for the attendance and participation of all delegates. From the perspective of the mandate of the Standing Committee on Social Development, he felt that the information shared over the two days would be beneficial for communities. He also expressed confidence that through working together, we can all benefit the housing sector in the NWT.

The Hon. Alfred Moses, Minister Responsible for the NWT HC and for Addressing Homelessness, thanked all of the delegates for their interest, time commitment and participation in attending the 2019 Northern Housing Summit. He also thanked the presenters and panelists for contributing the collective knowledge of northern housing solutions. Minister Moses thanked the NWT HC staff for their efforts to organize the Summit, and the good people of Inuvik who provided the venue, catering and entertainment. Minister Moses was pleased that there was such a strong representation of Indigenous leaders and emerging young leaders present, and that there was motivation to continue to work hard together to improve the availability of affordable, suitable, adequate and sustainable housing in the NWT to reduce homelessness and improve lives.

The Minister noted that the success of partnerships always depends on the quality and effectiveness of open, honest, healthy, fair, and transparent communications. This message he further reinforced:

“The NWT HC has already made great strides in collaborative partnerships through programs like the Community Housing Support Initiative, the Community Housing Plan process, but despite the success of these programs, none of it can be done alone. To truly lead the way in housing outcomes and best practices, we need to work together to strengthen partnerships between everyone here in Inuvik this week and moving forward.”



## Forum Outcomes

Outcome 1: Provided communities, Indigenous organizations, industry, NGOs and other housing stakeholders with information on how to access investment opportunities, such as the Community Housing Support Initiative and the National Housing Co-Investment Fund.

Outcome 2: Stimulated the development of partnerships among housing stakeholders to empower individuals, organizations and communities to engage on key housing issues and initiatives.

Outcome 3: Gave housing stakeholders an opportunity to consider how to realize their housing aspirations and how to shape their communities by providing for the training of future tradespersons, incorporating green energy solutions, and planning for housing to support healthy communities.

Outcome 4: Created lasting relationships between stakeholders centred around common goals for improved housing in NWT communities.





# Appendix 1

## Summary of Evaluation Responses

The most representative way to gauge outcomes of any summit, conference, forum or workshop is to rely on the comments and opinions of the delegates. An evaluation form was distributed to delegates. Fifty-five evaluation forms were completed of the over 100 delegates who were registered. Note: NWT HC staff did not complete evaluation forms.

**Rating scale: (1 – 5) with 1 for Least, and 5 for Most Useful**

**Total Number of Evaluations Forms Received 55**

**On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Least Useful and 5 being Most Useful) how useful did you find the sessions?**

1 – Least useful	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	5 – Most useful
0	1	1	6	1	25	16

**Which sessions did you find the most useful?**

All				
5				

Green Energy Solutions and Tiny Houses projects  
 Stories presented by Architect. All presenters.  
 Community Issues  
 Community Housing Planning  
 Healthy Communities  
 Indigenous Housing - potential for the future. Let's define it and do it!  
 Keynote speakers and panel sessions  
 Presentations  
 Keynote Speakers (both) & Healthy Community Session  
 Training Future Tradespersons  
 Community Plan  
 Shelagh McCartney and Chris Clarke too short! Erin & Janelle - NWT HC  
 Indigenous Housing, Housing for Healthy Communities  
 Community Support Initiatives  
 Green Energy Solutions





Funding for Housing, Housing Design (Cardinal) based on land and connection to it.  
 CMHC  
 Indigenous Housing  
 Indigenous Housing & Community Housing Support Initiative  
 Energy Session  
 Keynote speakers were great  
 Trade Apprenticeships  
 I enjoyed Douglas Cardinal’s presentation, Nellie Courneyea, Co-Investment Funding presentation  
 Hearing community concerns - great presentations!  
 Funding opportunities, success/failure stories, guest speakers  
 Shelagh McCartney - “Rethinking Housing” & Douglas Cardinal’s Keynote! - All Keynotes were great  
 The session on the development of the community housing plans  
 The 4 panelists that included Whatì /Paulatuk  
 Keynote Speaker Douglas Cardinal  
 CMHC, Douglas J. Cardinal, Community Hall Energy Solutions  
 Lunch Gathering with Alfred Moses, heard good feedback from region  
 Found both very useful and can’t wait to see change and helping shape the next generation  
 Community Housing Support Initiative, New and Emerging Leaders Social, and Douglas J. Cardinal Architectural Lecture  
 Community plans, Nellie  
 Mr. Cardinal’s presentation  
 CMHC – Sandra Turner’s presentation  
 Douglas Cardinal Keynote. Indigenous leaders’ lunch meeting, CMHC Sandra Turner’s presentation.

**On a scale of 1-5 (1 being least relevant, 5 being most relevant), did you find the Keynote Speakers for the Summit relevant?**

<b>1 – Least relevant</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 – Most relevant</b>
1	3	4	1	21	25
N/A					



<b>On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Not Good, 5 being Good) how did you find the food?</b>					
<b>1 – Not Good</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 – Good</b>
1- I am gluten & dairy-free.	5	1	16	19	16
<b>On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Not Good, 5 being Good) how did you find the venue?</b>					
<b>1 – Not Good</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 – Good</b>
0	1	1	13	19	20
<b>On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Not Interested, 5 being Interested) would you be interested in attending this event in the future?</b>					
<b>1 – Not Interested</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 – Interested</b>	
1	1	3	10	37	
N/A					

**Summary of Results:**

**On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Least Useful and 5 being Most Useful) how useful did you find the sessions?**

There were 16 people who gave a rating of 5 – (Most Useful), 25 people gave a rating of 4, one person gave a rating of 3.5, 6 people gave a rating of 3, one person gave a rating of 2.5, and one person gave a rating of 2, and no one gave a rating of 1 – (Least Useful).

**Which sessions did you find the most useful?**

Not all respondents answered this question.

**All: 6**

**Keynote Speakers: Both: 3**

**Douglas J. Cardinal: 10**

**Nellie Courneyea: 3**

**Panel:**

**Community Housing Plans: 5**



**Concurrent Sessions:**

- 1A. Indigenous Housing: 10**
- 1B. Training Future Tradepersons: 1**
- 2A. Green Energy Solutions: 3**
- 2B. Housing for Healthy Communities: 3**

**Presentations:**

**Funding:**

- **Community Housing Support Initiative: 2**
- **National Housing Co-Investment Fund: 7**

**Community Housing Plans: 4**

**How Relevant Did You Find the Keynote Speakers for the Summit?**

**Scale: 1 – Least Relevant and 5 – Most Relevant**

Twenty-five (25) people ranked at Most Relevant, 24 people ranked at 4, one person ranked at 3.5, 4 people ranked at 3, two persons ranked at 2 and one person ranked at 1.

**On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Not Good, 5 being Good) how did you find the food?**

Sixteen people ranked at 5, nineteen people ranked at 4, sixteen people ranked at 3, one person ranked at 2.5, five people ranked at 2 and one person ranked at 1 due to no menu choices for gluten and dairy-free.

**On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Not Good, 5 being Good) how did you find the venue?**

Twenty people rated at 5, nineteen rated at 4, thirteen people rated at 3, one person ranked at 2.5, one person ranked at 2 and no one ranked at 1. The main concern was the poor sound system.

**On a scale of 1-5 (1 being Not Interested, 5 being Interested) would you be interested in attending this event in the future?**

Thirty-seven people ranked at 5, ten persons ranked at 4, three persons ranked at 3, one ranked at 2 and one person ranked at 1.



**Additional Feedback:**

Thanks to the organizers, Minister Moses, and Staff. All sessions were excellent.

Needed a better intercom to hear more clearly.

Overtime - No time for discussion.

Where was the traditional food/ - the muktuk?

The whole two days - very informative! Probably the next or second summit should include more questions and answer sessions (A must).

Have a better mic system.

Communities need to have more control over housing issues, more authority given back to local communities.

More healthy options (re: bananas, more veggies and country food)

Will this information be summarized in an online report we can review?

“Coffee quality” - For Indigenous theme, perhaps traditional/country food would be appropriate.

More local food - traditional. Sound system needs TLC. Lots of potential for the future; sharing, networking, learning how other First Nations, Inuit and Metis just do it.

Next one in YK.

Offer more snacks and sticking to agenda.

Not during or after Easter for next time.

Please provide food (sufficient food) when you decide to serve a meal, breakfast or otherwise.

Need location of the future conference.

Great work and info sharing.

Great networking opportunity.

Good conference. Very informative.

All sessions were useful - Mahsi.

Very informative but the microphone wasn't good.

More conferences for community leaders and members.

Programs appear to be optimized for Yellowknife and unaffordable for smaller communities.

Sound system poor.

Need more strategic targeting of activities, i.e. private sector- financial, cultural bodies connected to housing design, regional summits should be promoted and supported.

Need good technical equipment and sound.

NWT housing history very relevant. Indigenous reality and innovation is key. Sound system needs to be improved. Needs to have Federal initiatives tied in to the Gathering.

This should happen at least every two years. It would be great if it was done annually like the Anti-Poverty conference.

Great for building partnerships and making connections. Thank you. 😊

I hope the programs that come out of this focus on Pride. Don't start planning and then include the people. Involve them in every step.

Good job. 😊

The community leaders were really inspirational.

Thank you to Minister Alfred Moses, staff, Housing President, all who was a big part of this summit. Thank you.

Breakout sessions for strategic planning.

Great first step in a much-needed communication between communities. It would be nice to see ideas turning into "Action Items."

Great work involving delegates from the different communities.

Continue these summits in the future.

Should be held more frequently, not decades apart.

Please hold annually.

Wholistic approach is required for Indigenous Housing. In particular, inviting other departments that play a role in Housing, e.g. Health & Social Services, MACA (Insurance), Infrastructure Water & Sewage), ECE (Training).

Need more hand-outs on presentations. Transportation - the weather was cold walking back & forth. Have the summit in a driving and near location. Visit every community and band in N.T.



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Find help and funding to help the people who are suffering from the mold and skin conditions caused by the mold. Something needs to be done.

Being a youth and being able to be here is such a great opportunity. Wanna say a huge Thank you!! (Jasmine Norn – KFN Youth rep)

The next summit can we please have it in a more dynamic environment- like centre of the NWT. Thank you for the amazing opportunity in housing initiative.

Have one every year!

Both need to work on all issues as we move forward. Policy needs change, unnecessary spending needs to be cut. Mahsi.

Rated Douglas Cardinal's presentation at 2 and Nellie's at 5. It would be helpful to rate panels individually. There was barely a mention of homelessness, now a NWTHC responsibility. Congrats to organizers.