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Call for Presentations

NICHI's 3rd Annual Indigenous Housing Capacity Building Event

Winnipeg, Manitoba | November 22 to 25, 2026

Introduction ::

The National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Inc. (NICHI) is inviting presentation submissions for NICHI's 3rd Annual Indigenous Housing Capacity Building Event, taking place in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the RBC Convention Centre from November 22–25, 2026.

The event will bring together **Indigenous housing and service providers, sector leaders, scholars, government representatives, and supporters** from across Canada to share knowledge, best practices, and innovative approaches that strengthen capacity and advance For Indigenous, By Indigenous housing solutions in Urban, Rural, and Northern communities.

With a collective of more than 120 Indigenous housing and service provider members and over 70 sector supporters, NICHI's annual event offers a unique opportunity for engagement.

We are seeking presentations designed for a broad audience of Indigenous housing and service providers, including leadership, management, frontline staff, and other team members working directly in housing, programs, operations, administration, and community services.

Please review the information below for capacity-building categories, presentation guidelines, application process, language requirements, and deadlines.

Capacity-Building Categories

Presentation submissions for NICHI's 3rd Annual Indigenous Housing Capacity Building Event are welcomed under the following categories:

1) Funding, Financing and Financial Sustainability

- Navigating Funding and Financing Streams
- Financial Management
- Risk Management
- Social Enterprise

2) Development, Construction, and Asset Management

- Project Planning, Design, and Delivery
- Asset Management, and Lifecycle Planning
- Sustainability and Climate Resilience
- Modern Methods of Construction

3) Organizational Capacity, Governance and Growth

- Strategic Planning and Organizational Development
- Human Resource Management
- Crisis Management
- Governance and Board Relations
- Navigating Funding Applications and Requirements

4) Partnerships and Community Engagement

- Building and Sustaining Partnerships
- Community Engagement & Accountability
- Cross-Sector Collaboration (Public, Private, Philanthropic)

5) Indigenous Housing Policy, Advocacy and Government Relations

- Engagement with Government and Policy-Makers
- Advocacy Strategies
- Coalition Building
- Communications and Media Relations

6) Tenant Relations, Wrap-Around Supports and Housing Stability

- Tenant and Labour Relations
- Legal Considerations
- Wrap-Around Supports
- Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention
- Supportive Housing

Presentation Guidelines

Session blocks will range from 45 minutes to two hours and may include multiple presenters contributing to a shared capacity-building category. Where multiple presenters are included, presentation time will be coordinated in advance to ensure each presenter has allotted time within the session. Final session lengths will be determined by the organizing committee based on program requirements.

Sessions will include varying formats, including:

- **Case Studies** – A deep dive into one project or initiative, outlining processes, decisions, obstacles, and results.
- **Panel Discussions** – A discussion with multiple speakers offering varied perspectives on a common theme

7) Culture, Innovation and Data in Indigenous Housing

- Culturally Appropriate Housing Services
- Data, Evaluation and Performance Measurement
- Technology and Innovation



- **Interactive Workshops** – Interactive, hands-on activities where participants work through problems or apply tools and strategies.
- **Plenary Sessions** – A session for all attendees together, framing key themes or major lessons for collective learning.

All session formats, except panel discussions, must include an interactive component, such as a digital exercise, group activity, facilitated discussion, or another format that encourages delegate engagement.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Reflection questions, polls or quizzes
- Scannable Mentimeter/Mural QR codes for brainstorming or group whiteboards
- Note-taking prompts; mock scenarios; practical exercise;

Who Should Submit ?

This call for presentations is open to individuals and organizations with practical knowledge and professional expertise that can support Indigenous housing and service providers. NICHI welcomes submissions from a range of sectors, including Indigenous housing organizations, the broader housing sector, non-profit and private sector, scholars, government, banks and other financial institutions, and supporters with practical knowledge to share.

NICHI aims to reflect a balanced range of urban, rural, northern, local, and national perspectives.

Bilingual Presentations

NICHI's 3rd Annual Indigenous Housing Capacity Building Event is a bilingual national event. Presentation submissions may be submitted in either English or French. Sessions will be simultaneously interpreted to support accessibility for delegates, regardless of language preference.

Please indicate your preferred presentation language when submitting your submission.

What Makes a Strong Submission?

Sessions should be designed for a broad audience and assume varying levels of experience. Technical concepts should be explained in an accessible manner whenever possible.

Presentations should provide step-by-step insights into how a project, program, policy, financing approach, application, or initiative was developed and implemented, including key challenges, lessons learned, and approaches used to address obstacles. Sessions should go beyond lectures or high-level overviews and offer practical, applied content that delegates can adapt and use in their own communities.



Presentation Proposal Requirements

Submission Item	Requirements
Presenter Profile	Name, organization/affiliation, contact information, designations, biography, and headshot
Capacity Building Category	The category that best aligns with your presentation
Presentation	Title, brief description, preferred session format (e.g., case study, panel discussion, interactive workshop, plenary session), learning objectives, practical takeaways, and interactive component.
Resources	Templates, tools, worksheets, guides, or handouts (if applicable)
Language	English or French
Presentation Support Requirements	Indicate any materials, technology, or resources required to support your presentation (e.g., PowerPoint slides, PDF handouts, videos, flip charts, polling software, or other tools).

Application Process

- The deadline to submit presentation submissions is **Friday, August 14, 2026, at 4:00 PM ET**. All presentation submissions must be submitted to smichaud@nichihousing.com
- Please note that submitting a submission does not guarantee selection, as submissions will be reviewed based on alignment with the event’s goals, objectives, and session categories.
- Presentations will take place in person in Winnipeg from November 23 to 25, 2026; there will be no virtual presentation option.
- Presentation materials will be made available through the NICHI members portal to support asynchronous learning post-event.
- For any questions related to submitting a presentation, please reach out to info@nichihousing.com
- Successful applicants will be notified by August 31st 2026. Successful applicants will participate in the preparation process, including two virtual meetings to review session design, technology requirements, and final details.

Important Information

Conference Venue: The event will take place at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, located at 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J2.

Presenter Travel and Accommodations:

NICHI will provide accommodation for each confirmed presenter at the host venue hotel. Presenters will also be eligible for travel reimbursement, processed following the event. Additional details regarding travel and accommodation arrangements will be shared with successful applicants once presentations have been confirmed.

Conference Registration: Presenters whose submissions are accepted as part of the event program will be required to register for the event as speakers.

Workbook: A printed workbook will be provided to all participants, with a dedicated blank page to note to take for each session. If you have any post-event resources/materials to share, we will create a QR code for it beside your name in the workbook. Limit one per presenter.

Accessibility: NICHI is committed to accessibility. Presenters requiring accommodations are encouraged to identify these during the submission process.



Commitment to a Safe and Respectful Event: The organizers of this conference are dedicated to fostering an environment where every attendee, speaker, volunteer, and staff member feels safe, respected, and valued. We believe that mutual respect is fundamental to productive dialogue, collaboration, and learning. All participants have the right to be treated with courtesy, empathy, and consideration, regardless of background, identity, or role within the conference. Disrespectful behaviour including but not limited to verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Individuals found to be in breach of these standards may face a range of consequences, including temporary or permanent removal from conference activities.

NICHI looks forward to welcoming presenters, member delegates, and guests to Winnipeg for capacity building and connection across the Indigenous housing sector!