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The Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) and the First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council of BC (FNHIC-BC) would like to thank outgoing BC Housing CEO Shayne Ramsay for his tireless efforts to tackle the housing problems across BC, including his work to address the long-standing and chronic housing issues facing Indigenous Peoples. Under his leadership, BC Housing worked with Indigenous partners to deliver housing on reserve lands and worked with AHMA to deliver housing in urban areas.

For 22 years of AHMA's 25 years leading Indigenous housing solutions in BC, Shane Ramsay was a tremendous ally. He supported AHMA's journey of self-determination, and he was the first Provincial leader to demonstrate support for Indigenous justice in housing through action, with no road map and no precedence. He led with openness and integrity and was always available for honest and frank conversations when needed. That's reconciliACTION.

Shayne has been a strong supporter of the moose hide campaign and has spoken out against violence against Indigenous women and children. He has voiced the need to listen to Indigenous people in the pursuit of reconciliation, and under his leadership, BC Housing implemented a reconciliation strategy. He was committed to partnering with Indigenous housing and service providers to implement trauma-informed and culturally appropriate practices, and he worked to create new relationships with First Nations based on respect and collaboration. He recognized that reconciliation is ongoing work that requires an active commitment to truth and dismantling oppressive colonial systems.

As CEO, Shayne pushed forward ambitious agendas to address the housing challenges facing BC. He made a dedicated effort to address the growing housing crisis that is disproportionately impacting Indigenous Peoples and he helped deliver meaningful solutions and much-needed programs and services. BC Housing worked to deliver many Indigenous-led community housing fund projects, and he was a proud supporter of the Indigenous Housing Fund program.

We recognize his 22 years of service and commitment to helping people across BC access affordable and safe housing. AHMA and FNHIC-BC wish Mr. Ramsay all the best in his future endeavours.

T'oyaxsut nüün, Thank you,

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