



AHMA ADVOCACY

In 2023, AHMA initiated and contributed to in a number of reports, research, policy, and enagement activities to further Urban Indigenous housing rights. Below are the highlights of AHMA's advocacy work:

- The Rental Protection Fund was announced and formed, dedicating \$500 million provincially to enable non-profits to acquire and protect rental buildings and properties for future affordability. AHMA played an integral role in the formation of the Rental Protection Fund.
- AHMA partnered with Community Living BC to conduct research on housing needs for Indigenous Peoples with diverse abilities - resulting in a report that will be released in 2024.
- AHMA released a Supportive Housing position statement advocating for changes to promote the inclusion of Indigenous Housing Providers in BC.
- AHMA regularly makes government submissions to advocate for more culturally safe, trauma-informed, and equitable approaches to Indigenous homelessness in BC.
- AHMA and our Housing Central partners submitted recommendations to stop the financialization of housing.
- AHMA delivered urgent messages to Ottawa - reminding the federal government that safe, affordable housing is a key component to ending cycles of poverty and improving health outcomes for Indigenous families.
- AHMA provided the keynote presentation at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference on ReconciliACTION and the right to housing
- We went to Ottawa and led a press conference to demand that NICHI be funded as a For Indigenous, By Indigenous national housing collective and this resulted in the first substantial national funding announcement of \$400 billion for URN Indigenous housing, which we are still fighting to have released faster.
- AHMA presented at the UBCM "Housing BC Together" Summit on an Indigenous Housing Partnerships panel, which helped strengthen intergovernmental cooperation and sharing around both obstacles and FIBI solutions to the housing crisis.
- AHMA Red Dress Campaign - AHMA members placed one Red Dress Sticker on or near the front door of each multi-unit building, signaling that their buildings are safe spaces for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people and committing to supporting an environment of non-violence.



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Over 25 years of Indigenous housing expertise.

- AHMA presented at the Canadian Housing Renewal Association Congress where CEO Margaret Pfoh also became President of the CHRA Board and two full days were dedicated to Indigenous housing.
- At UBCM, AHMA advocated for Indigenous housing providers and affordable, culturally safe housing. We worked to influence municipal leaders to understand and prioritize Indigenous housing needs.
- AHMA CEO Margaret Pfoh was invited to speak at the Pacific Urban Forum as convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
- While abroad, Margaret was additionally invited to meetings in Australia starting with the new Aboriginal Commissioner to discuss First Nations International foreign policy and connect with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURi).
- Since its launch in 2022, AHMA's URN Indigenous Housing Strategy has received national recognition as the expert baseline for Indigenous housing solutions.
- Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Advisory Committee - AHMA was invited to make a presentation to the Social Issues Sub-Committee on how to support FIBI approaches to urban Indigenous housing.
- AHMA hosted a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation webinar featuring 4 women and their experiences with housing and intergenerational trauma.
- Margaret Pfoh was invited as a keynote speaker at the 2023 Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness National Conference.
- AHMA was a presenting partner at Canada's largest affordable housing conference, Housing Central, which brought together housing advocates and providers from across the country. AHMA hosted a number of Indigenous-led panel discussions.
- Margaret Pfoh participated in the National Right to Housing online panel with Federal Housing Advocate, Marie Josee-Houle in support of Indigenous self-determination and equitable access to housing.
- AHMA was invited by the National Housing Council Secretariat to share expertise at the Indigenous-centered oral hearing on the financialization of housing.
- Margaret Pfoh attended Housing on the Hill to follow up on national funding and support for Indigenous housing. AHMA also supported CHRA's work to release an economic report that further supports AHMA's research proving the return on investment in housing to be over 700%.
- Following AHMA's comprehensive submission to the national State of Cities Report, Margaret Pfoh was invited to participate in the State of Canadian Cities Summit discussions on "Key Urban Challenges and Strategies for Success" by sharing urban Indigenous needs and perspectives.
- AHMA released a position statement addressing the growing inequities within the housing crisis related to URN Indigenous people.