



ABORIGINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Municipal Leadership on Urban Indigenous Housing

A BRIEF HISTORY OF AHMA

The Federal government announced it would stop building new urban Native housing units and devolve social housing to the provinces.

AHMA Forms

1993-1996

AHMA and BC Housing sign the Indigenous Social Housing Management Agreement (ISHMA) & all Indigenous housing programs go to AHMA.

2012

AHMA releases BC's first **Urban, Rural and Northern (URN) Indigenous Housing Strategy** in 2022 with broad endorsement.

AHMA celebrates 25th anniversary!

2019-2022



2004

AHMA and the Province of BC officially sign an interim self-management agreement - the first of its kind in Canada.

2018

BC Govt & AHMA announce the Indigenous Housing Fund (IHF) making BC the first province to fund both on and off reserve housing.

2023-2025

AHMA advocates for a national FIBI housing strategy through NICHI and continues to work with First Nations in BC on housing.

AHMA identifies municipal risk if Provincial funding doesn't improve and submits a resolution.

AHMA Members Provide a spectrum of culturally safe housing and support services

Affordable Housing

Transition Homes

Homeless Shelters

Assisted Living

Supportive Housing

Complex Care Housing

Parenting Supports

Trauma-Informed Care

Municipalities can be part of the solution

- 1 SUPPORT AND CHAMPION AHMA'S RESOLUTION FOR UBCM 2026
- 2 PARTNER WITH INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS LIKE AHMA AND THOSE IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- 3 INTEGRATE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY WITHIN YOUR OWN MUNICIPALITY
- 4 CALL ON THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO BETTER SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES LIVING IN URBAN, RURAL AND NORTHERN REGIONS OF THE PROVINCE

Despite recognition as the expert national baseline for Indigenous housing solutions - **AHMA's URN Strategy remains unfunded**

UBCM RESOLUTION

Creating an Indigenous-Led, Cross-Sector Housing Alliance

WHEREAS the lack of safe, adequate, and affordable housing remains a foundational barrier to progress on persistent health, public safety, and social challenges across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS siloed approaches across the health, justice, social, and housing sectors have limited the effectiveness of interventions addressing complex, interrelated social issues;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia (the 'Province') and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ('UBCM') renewed a Memorandum of Understanding (2021) committing the Province to communicate with UBCM and local governments on key Indigenous issues as an extension of its unanimous adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2019);

AND WHEREAS the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples lists 89 actions, 24 of which either impact housing or should be considered in the context of housing;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous peoples are 13 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to experience homelessness;

AND WHEREAS 40 to 80% of those experiencing homelessness in municipalities across British Columbia are Indigenous;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM call on the Province to establish an 'Indigenous-Led, Cross-Sectoral Housing Alliance' composed of senior representatives from the health, justice, social services, and housing sectors, with strong and equitable urban, rural and northern Indigenous representation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mandate of this alliance include the development of a provincial framework recognizing safe and adequate housing as essential infrastructure, and to coordinate sector-wide adoption and public endorsement of this position by professional, service, advocacy, academic, and industry associations and their member agencies.

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