

# Housing Futures with AHMA

A background image showing two women smiling and looking towards the left. They are positioned in front of a large green plant with broad leaves. The woman in the foreground is wearing a light-colored shirt with a colorful, abstract pattern. The woman behind her is wearing a dark headband. The overall scene is bright and positive.

**The commodification of housing is a major contributor to the housing crisis and the suffering of those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.**

**As a top priority, housing needs to be for shelter and not for making money.**

# MUNICIPALITIES CAN...

Ensure **meaningful engagement and participation** that re-centers Indigenous wisdom to help transform systems.

**Implement** business plan items related to reconciliation and affordable housing.

Include **culturally appropriate wraparound services** to promote healing & reduce barriers.

**Cut high-cost development fees** and provide low-cost financing.

Include Urban Indigenous housing needs in **Municipal Housing Plans and OCPs** to encourage non-profit and affordable development.

Allocate properties and **LAND BACK** to local Indigenous communities, where they belong.





# HOUSING SUPPLY

Prioritize society's most marginalized and vulnerable people, including:


- women (especially single mothers),
- racialized people,
- gender-diverse people, and
- Indigenous families.



A photograph of two women embracing in a home setting, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The woman on the left is wearing glasses and a black cardigan over a red top. The woman on the right is wearing a grey t-shirt and denim shorts. They are standing in a kitchen area with a refrigerator and cabinets visible in the background. To the right, there is a living area with a grey sofa, a green fuzzy pillow, and a side table with a lamp. A guitar is partially visible on the sofa.

# Housing needs to be...

- Deeply affordable
- Safe and habitable
- Suitable for the family or individual
- Culturally supportive



Advancing reconciliation requires all communities to ensure that decision-making on housing considers the needs of Indigenous Peoples and recognizes that adequate housing is not only foundational to the beginning of a healing path but also a basic human right.

Article 2 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights requires that investments to further implement the right to housing must reflect a standard of a maximum of available resources.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

COMMUNICATION

RESPECT

**AHMA AND OUR  
STRATEGY ARE  
COMMITTED TO  
DECOLONIZING  
HOUSING POLICIES AND  
PRACTICES**



A photograph of four Indigenous people, two men and two women, standing in a room with large windows. They are wearing traditional regalia, including feathered headdresses and patterned tunics. In the background, there are informational displays. One display on the right has the text "EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TO ACCESS THEIR INHERENT RIGHTS TO HOUSING" and a QR code. Another display on the left has the text "BC'S FIRST URBAN, RURAL AND NORTHERN INDIGENOUS HOUSING STRATEGY".

**"NOTHING FEELS MORE EMPOWERING THAN  
BEING PART OF A SOLUTION."**

**CHIEF DANA TIZYA**

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