



Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

National Housing and Infrastructure Conference

Mind the Gap: Advancing First Nations Housing, Infrastructure, and Drinking Water

The Westin Calgary Downtown, in Calgary, Alberta | February 19-21, 2025

Call for Presenters

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Housing and Infrastructure Conference will be held on February 19-21, 2025, at the Westin Calgary Downtown, in Calgary, Alberta. The conference will present the latest developments in urban, on-reserve/on-community and northern First Nations housing, asset management planning, water and wastewater management, and connectivity, with a focus on how developments contribute to closing the First Nations infrastructure gap.

With the theme of *"Mind the Gap: Advancing First Nations Housing, Infrastructure, and Drinking Water,"* the conference will provide a networking opportunity for First Nations, First Nations organizations, and industry partners about current and innovative practices in closing the First Nations infrastructure gap, asset management planning, and housing.

The AFN is inviting presenters to bring forward their work and ideas with potential topics:

- Closing the First Nations Infrastructure Gap
- Asset Management Planning
- First Nations Success Stories
- Climate Change Risks and Adaptations in Infrastructure Planning
- Enhanced-Asset Condition Reporting System (E-ACRS)
- Asset Management Software
- Data Gathering Technologies and Best Practices
- Determining Operations and Maintenance Costs
- Risk Management / Contingency Planning

We expect up to 400 delegates including Chiefs and Councils, Public Works Managers, First Nations Asset Managers, Water and Wastewater Operators and Technicians, technicians, consultants, industry experts, academics, and representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations.

If you're interested in presenting at the AFN National Housing and Infrastructure Conference, please submit a synopsis of your presentation including how it relates to the conference theme of *"Mind the Gap: Advancing First Nations Housing, Infrastructure, and Drinking Water,"* and include presenter biographies. The format allows for up to three presenters per submission.



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Submission Requirements

- Synopsis: 200 words or less
- Presenter biographies: 100 words or less (up to three presenters per submission)
- Submitted in Microsoft Word to Alexandra Whiteduck via email at infrastructure@afn.ca, with the subject line: AFN National Housing and Infrastructure Conference

Submission Deadline: December 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. ET

Individuals with successful submissions will be notified on or before January 15, 2025.

Presenters are responsible for their own travel costs. The registration fee will be covered for one presenter per submission; registration fees for any additional presenter(s) are the responsibility of the applicant.

For questions, please email infrastructure@afn.ca.