



## Indigenous Caucus

A national advocacy campaign to address the needs of **urban, rural and Northern Indigenous households** in Canada.

### The Campaign

The “For Indigenous, By Indigenous” or “FIBI” campaign is a national advocacy strategy led by the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association's Indigenous Caucus and supported by CHRA. The campaign asks Canadians to put pressure on the federal government to create a distinct national body and strategy that would address the housing needs of Indigenous peoples living in urban, rural, and Northern communities.

### The Purpose

The CHRA Indigenous Caucus is fighting for a distinct 4th strategy that would represent over 80% of Indigenous peoples across Canada. When the National Housing Strategy was developed, there were only three policies created for distinctions-based Indigenous peoples, but nothing was included for the largest population base of Indigenous peoples. The creation of a distinct strategy would also act as a strong piece of any COVID-19 pandemic recovery package.

## Our 5 Asks of the Federal Government

1

Develop a “For Indigenous, By Indigenous” National Housing Centre

The CHRA Indigenous Caucus is proposing the creation of a federally resourced “For Indigenous, By Indigenous” National Housing Centre that is Indigenous designed, owned and operated. The Centre would focus on people and services for Indigenous households in the core housing need who live in urban, rural and northern Canada. It would act as the de facto governance structure for urban, rural, and northern (URN) Indigenous housing. Its purpose would be to measure and develop better data, information, research, and evaluation on URN Indigenous housing.

2

Increase the supply of stable, safe, affordable housing by 73,000 units

This would be achieved by providing access to capital funds, other financial instruments, and access to tools and programs to greatly increase the supply of new sustainable housing.

3

Accelerated action on Indigenous homelessness

Introduce measures and increase funds to ultimately prevent and eliminate Indigenous homelessness. Furthermore, introduce measures and resources to help Indigenous households at risk of homelessness through a prioritization of housing investment, education, and expansion of current Reaching Home initiatives.

# 4

Wraparound services to support Indigenous tenants' well-being and long-term success

Provide funding for partnerships between Indigenous service organizations and housing providers to deliver culturally based support services for a holistic range of services.

# 5

Focus attention on northern housing

A comprehensive urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing strategy needs to focus attention and significantly enhance funding to eliminate the very large gap in core housing need facing Indigenous peoples in Canada's north. Funding levels need to reflect the higher construction and transportation costs and very few economies of scale. In addition, any strategy needs to include the high percentage of Indigenous people who are homeless and provide ongoing federal commitment to provide Self-Governing First Nations with much-needed housing funds.

## How do we succeed?



By getting the Federal Government to publicly acknowledge and recognize the expertise of the Indigenous Caucus in delivering housing and support services to urban, rural, and Northern Indigenous peoples. This includes adequate funding and policymaking at the federal level to ensure that any housing strategy for over 80% of the Indigenous population in Canada is created for and administered by Indigenous providers. To do this, we need as many Canadians as possible to sign up, share our content, contact representatives across the country and much more. Your support is critical to show government that Canadians believe Indigenous peoples deserve a right to quality housing. We know how to build it.

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