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FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

NOTICE:

BC FIRST NATIONS ON-RESERVE HOUSING FORUM

WHEN: MARCH 24-26, 2009

WHY: TO PROVIDE INPUT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BC FIRST NATIONS ON-RESERVE HOUSING ACTION PLAN

WHERE: HYATT REGENCY, 655 BURRARD ST., VANCOUVER

WHO: FIRST NATIONS LEADERS, HOUSING MANAGERS, HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

BACKGROUND:

On May 21, 2008, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and the Province of British Columbia (BC) signed a *First Nations Housing Memorandum of Understanding* (MoU). The four key themes highlighted in the MoU are:

- Governance, Relationships and Accountability;
- Financial Management;
- Capacity Development; and,
- Comprehensive Approach to Housing.

One of the action items of the MoU is for the Parties to collaboratively develop interlinked on and off reserve housing strategies. The Province of British Columbia conducted an engagement process in 2008 to inform the development of an off-reserve Aboriginal Housing Action Plan (see www.housing.gov.bc.ca/housing). This BC First Nations On-reserve Housing Forum is intended to inform the development of an on-reserve First Nations Housing Action Plan.

FORMAT AND CONTENT:

A draft discussion paper to inform the development of the on-reserve First Nations Housing Action Plan has been developed by the FNLC, BC, CMHC and INAC and will form the basis of discussions at the Forum. The discussion paper is directly linked to the four key themes in the MoU. Presentations, panel discussions, and breakout group/open space formats will be employed to share information and receive feedback into the discussion paper. Please contact one of the FNLC organizations (contact information to the left) for an advance copy of this discussion paper.

Below is a general outline of the Forum agenda. A more detailed agenda will be available in the coming weeks.

Date	Topics
March 24, 2009 (8:00am registration; 9:00am-4:00pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening Remarks / Context-setting • Overview of Agenda • Overview of Discussion Paper • Presentation/Panel: Governance, Relationships and Accountability • Breakout Groups: Governance, Relationships and Accountability
March 25, 2009 (9:00am-4:00pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of day one proceedings • Presentation/Panel: Financial Management • Breakout Groups: Financial Management • Presentation/Panel: Capacity Development • Breakout Groups: Capacity Development • Presentation Panel: Comprehensive Approach to Housing • Breakout Groups: Comprehensive Approach to Housing
March 26, 2009 (9:00am-12:00noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Overview of Forum proceedings and next steps • Closing remarks • Closing Prayer

REGISTRATION

Travel costs for up to two representatives from each First Nation will be reimbursed (i.e. First Nation leader and housing manager).

Please complete the following registration form and return by fax to Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council at 604-943-5367, attention Gary Reith.

<p>Registration: BC First Nations On-Reserve Housing Forum</p>
<p>Name(s):</p>
<p>Representing:</p>
<p>Email:</p>
<p>Telephone:</p>
<p><i>Note: Each registrant will be provided with the "Discussion Paper for the Development of the On-Reserve BC First Nations Housing Action Plan"</i></p>