

# ROOM FOR ALL: BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Northwest Regional Housing Conference

May 20–22, 2026 · Terrace, BC

### Wednesday, May 20

#### EVENING PUBLIC SESSIONS

★ FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC · Terrace Sportsplex, Banquet Room, 3320 Kalum Street

7:00 pm

#### Public Session – Seniors Housing & Aging in Place

*A public conversation on seniors housing, aging in place, and community needs in Terrace and the Northwest.*

- Speaker: Troy Peters, Terrace & District Community Services Society (TDCSS)
- With: Housing Committee Members, City of Terrace
- Facilitators: Viv Steele and Dave Crawley

### Thursday, May 21

#### MORNING

8:00–9:00 am

#### Registration, Coffee, and Networking

9:00–9:20 am

#### Traditional Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Traditional welcome – David Wells
- Conference welcome and overview
- Facilitator: Dave Crawley

9:20–9:40 am

#### Featured Speaker Introductions

*Brief introductions from keynote speakers and featured guests.*

9:40–10:40 am

#### Morning Keynote: Margaret Pfoh

*Indigenous Housing, Leadership, and Community-Led Solutions*

10:40–10:55 am

#### Break

10:55 am–12:00 pm

#### Nisga'a Housing and Retrofit Initiatives

*A session exploring current housing and retrofit work in Nisga'a Nation — including lessons from the Retrofits Coaching Pilot, connections between Indigenous housing and sustainability, and regional project updates.*

- Gaëtane Carignan, Clean Energy Association (CEA)
- Nisga'a Lisims Government representatives

12:00–1:00 pm

#### Lunch

*Catered by It's All Greek*

*Lunch sponsored by LNG Canada and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine*

#### AFTERNOON

1:00–2:00 pm

#### Featured Keynote: Thom Armstrong

*Housing Leadership, Co-operative Housing, and Regional Opportunities*

- CEO, Co-operative Housing Federation of BC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEO, COHO Management Services Society</li> <li>• CEO, Community Land Trust Foundation of BC</li> <li>• With more than 40 years in the co-operative housing movement, Thom Armstrong has led CHF BC since 2000, representing 260 non-profit housing co-ops and more than 14,000 co-op homes across British Columbia.</li> </ul>
<b>2:00–3:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Seniors Housing – Presentation and Discussion</b></p> <p><i>A focused session on seniors housing and aging in place — exploring local needs, service gaps, and community responses.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker: Troy Peters, TDCSS</li> <li>• Viv Steele, Housing Committee</li> </ul>
<b>3:00–3:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Accessibility and Housing</b></p> <p><i>A session exploring accessibility in housing design, barriers to housing access, and local solutions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cedar Ridge</li> <li>• Yvonne Nielson</li> </ul>
<b>4:00–4:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Daily Regroup</b></p> <p><i>A brief 15-minute wrap-up led by Dave Crawley.</i></p>

## EVENING

<b>4:30–6:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Social Gathering – Bavarian Inn</b></p> <p><i>Shuttle available from the Terrace Sportsplex to the Bavarian Inn, provided by Volunteer Terrace</i></p>
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<b>7:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Public Session – Ever Wondered About Co-operative Housing?</b></p> <p><i>An introductory session on what co-operative housing is, how it works, and how it could support community housing options in Terrace and the Northwest.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured Speaker: Thom Armstrong, CEO, Co-operative Housing Federation of BC</li> </ul>
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## Friday, May 22

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### MORNING

<b>8:30–9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>9:00–9:15 am</b>	<p><b>Traditional Welcome and Day Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional welcome – David Wells</li> <li>• Facilitator: Dave Crawley</li> </ul>
<b>9:15–10:15 am</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Case Studies and Community Examples</b></p> <p><i>A practical session highlighting housing projects, partnerships, and community approaches showing results across the Northwest — with lessons that may be useful for other communities.</i></p>
<b>10:15–10:25 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:25–11:45 am</b>	<p><b>Session 2: City Planning Team Session</b></p> <p><i>A focused session highlighting local planning work, municipal tools, and City perspectives related to housing in Terrace and the Northwest.</i></p>

### AFTERNOON

<b>11:45 am–12:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Lunch</b>  <i>Catered by Kasiks Wilderness Lodge</i>  <i>Lunch sponsored by Cedar Ridge Builders and the District of Kitimat</i></p>
<b>12:45–1:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Featured Speaker: Jill Atkey</b>  <i>Non-profit housing leadership, sector realities, and housing system opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A focused conversation on the state of non-profit and community housing in BC, the realities facing the sector, and opportunities ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>1:45–2:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Featured Speaker: Claire Rattée, MLA</b></p>
<b>2:00–2:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Featured Speaker: Ellis Ross, MP</b></p>
<b>2:15–3:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<b>3:30–4:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Coffee Talk Conversation</b>  <i>An informal moderated conversation reflecting on key conference themes, regional opportunities, collaboration, and next steps.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by David Block</li> <li>• Featuring Margaret Pfoh, Thom Armstrong, Jill Atkey,</li> <li>• Questions welcome via written notes throughout the day</li> </ul>
<b>4:45–5:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks and Regroup</b>  <i>Final wrap-up, closing remarks, and thank you. Led by Dave Crawley.</i></p>

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[Conference tickets available at eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)

Public evening sessions are free and open to all – no registration required

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