

MIHCEMI 2026

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MIHCEMI Mileage Rates

EventCamp Checklist

Monday June 15

Registration Open to Delegates

**Monday
June 15**

03:00PM - 07:00PM

Tuesday June 16

Registration Open

Tuesday June 16

07:00AM - 09:00AM

Hallway

Opening Remarks and Prayers

Tuesday June 16

09:00AM - 09:15AM

Centennial 7 & 10

Reflecting on the past, identifying our current strengths, and driving purpose for the future

Tuesday June 16

09:15AM - 10:00AM

Centennial 7 & 10

Cadmus shares stories, examples, and suggestions regarding current challenges and opportunities. His way of instilling pride in being Indigenous and belonging in both the Canadian and Indigenous perspectives lifts mindsets to our potential.

Health Break

Tuesday June 16

10:00AM - 10:30AM

Centennial 7 & 10

A1 - Building Science Principles with Efficiency Manitoba: Energy Retrofit in Opaskwayak Creen Nation

Tuesday June 16

10:30AM - 11:30AM

Centennial 7 & 10

Iain Geeves

A2 - A Game Changer! Using 3D cameras for inspections and asset management

Tuesday June 16

10:30AM - 11:30AM

Centennial 8

John Kiedrowski	
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A3 - Creepy Crawly Pests: What Makes Them So Difficult? A Look at Roaches, Bedbugs, and Mice

Tuesday June 16

10:30AM - 11:30AM

Centennial 9

Clinton Rosevear	
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Lunch and Tradeshow

Tuesday June 16

11:30AM - 01:00PM

Centennial 7 & 10

B1 - Fire Safety & Housing

Tuesday June 16

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Centennial 7 & 10

Kevin Oman	
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B2 - How to Build Funded Homes Around the Supports your Members Already Need

Tuesday June 16

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Centennial 8

Chris Poponick, President, The Ideal Way Business Services Inc.



Chris Poponick is the founder of The Ideal Way Business Services Inc., a community project development and funding navigation firm based in Manitoba. He works directly with First Nations communities — from funding readiness through to project completion — helping them access, stack, and activate the federal programs available for on-reserve housing and community supports.

With more than two decades working alongside First Nations leadership across Manitoba — including Peguis, Bloodvein, Pine Creek, Wasagamack, Garden Hill, Norway House, Wuskwi Sihpik, Little Grand Rapids, Pinaymootang, Hollow Water, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, and Sioux Valley Dakota Nation — Chris brings a foundation built on trust and genuine community engagement to every project.

His work is grounded in a straightforward belief: the funding to address the housing shortage and the social and medical support burden in First Nations communities already exists. The gap is knowing how to find it, stack it, and put it to work. Chris played a central role in developing specifications for a Manitoba-manufactured modular home engineered to NBC Tier 4 and 0.61 ACH50 standards — maximizing eligibility for BCH, ISC, and Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit funding. That product is now deployed at Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, completing June 2026, 89% federally funded.

He is currently working with Pine Creek First Nation (Minegoziibe Anishinabe) on a 10-home transitional supportive housing micro-community in Camperville, Manitoba — an active BCH application with confirmed ISC HSIF Mental Health Proctor funding and Band Council commitment in place.

B3 - Innovative Housing and Infrastructure Solutions

Tuesday June 16

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Centennial 9

Sherman Kong	
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Health Break

Tuesday June 16

02:00PM - 02:30PM

Centennial 7 & 10

Building Competition

Tuesday June 16

02:30PM - 04:00PM

Centennial 6

Closing Remarks - Day 1

Tuesday June 16

04:00PM - 04:30PM

Centennial 7 & 10

Chris Olson	
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Wednesday June 17

Registration Open

07:00AM - 09:00AM

Wednesday June 17

Hallway

Opening Remarks - Day 2

09:00AM - 09:15AM

Wednesday June 17

Centennial 7 & 10

Transfer: Progress not Perfection

Wednesday June 17

09:15AM - 10:15AM

Centennial Room

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This presentation will be focused on what FNCIAS has done to shape and move transfer forward.

Mr. Pearson will take participants through his processes and give insight into where they made decisions to change or sequence items for Canada and also work for our member Nations.

Drew Pearson



CEO, First Nations Capital and Infrastructure Agency of Saskatchewan

Drew Pearson, a member of Little Pine First Nation, is the Chief Executive Officer of the First Nations Capital and Infrastructure Agency of Saskatchewan (FNCIAS). Since stepping into the role in early 2022, he has led the organization with a strategic, governance-focused approach that supports First Nation infrastructure and economic development.

Drew joined FNCIAS in 2021 as Vice President of Legal, Governance, and Stakeholder Relations, where his leadership and experience quickly led to his appointment as CEO. As a lawyer with over 20 years of experience, he brings a strong corporate commercial background in construction and land development and has negotiated with all levels of government on complex projects involving land, financing, and partnerships.

Earlier in his career, Drew co-founded a law firm serving clients in the Yukon, further broadening his experience in northern and Indigenous contexts. Since returning to Saskatoon in 2014, he has worked exclusively with First Nation clients, supporting initiatives such as reserve creation, land codes, election acts, and on-reserve infrastructure development.

Drew holds a bachelor's degree in political studies and a Juris Doctor from the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

Health Break and Networking

Wednesday June 17

10:15AM - 10:45AM

Centennial 7 & 10

C1 - AI-Powered Environmental Risk Detection for First Nations Housing

Wednesday June 17

10:45AM - 11:45AM

Centennial 7 & 10

Tobenna Moneke	
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C2 - Pest Control 101**Wednesday June 17**

10:45AM - 11:45AM

Centennial 8

Terrance Bruce**C3 - Taking Inventory: Using GIS to Support Community Planning****Wednesday June 17**

10:45AM - 11:45AM

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Mackenzie Gray | CE Strategies**Lunch and Networking****Wednesday June 17**

11:45AM - 01:00PM

Centennial 7 & 10

D1 - Energy Efficiency Programs for Homes**Wednesday June 17**

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Centennial 7 & 10

Amy Tuck**D2 - ISC - Engagement for the Development of the Indigenous Housing Strategy****Wednesday June 17**

01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is seeking input to help develop a new, cross government Indigenous Housing Strategy, as announced in Budget 2025. This work will complement existing strategies. Engagement is expected to take place until June 30, 2026 and will build on what we have heard in previous engagements.

Kamoi McWhinney	
Billy Martin	

D3 - Transfer of Service Delivery

Wednesday June 17

01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Darin McLennan

Darin McLennan, Director Business Development, MST Asset Management Ltd. Darin is an Indigenous professional with more than 25 years of experience in leading asset management and capacity enhancement initiatives on behalf of the public sector and First Nation clients across Canada.

Dr. Mandy Hansen



Dr. Hansen is a senior professional with over 25 years' experience in management consulting, project management, and real estate strategy. Working along the continuum from high level strategy and governance through portfolio and program development to tactical project execution, Mandy is able to address client needs holistically. She has earned a Doctoral degree in public economics and an MSc in Public Administration, as well as the PMP and PgMP certifications. She has led major transformational changes in health care, social services, and organization restructuring across Canada. Primarily working with C-suite, senior executive, and elected officials, the mandates that she is engaged on are interdisciplinary and complex, often with a significant political or stakeholder impact.

Stephanie Fung

Stephanie Fung, Principal & Owner, Pilea Consulting
Stephanie is a senior-level marketing and communications professional based in Winnipeg. She works with clients to develop communications initiatives and strategies that resonate across North America.

Health Break and Networking

Wednesday June 17

02:00PM - 02:30PM

Centennial 7 & 10

E1 - Energy Efficiency Programs for Homes

Wednesday June 17

02:30PM - 03:30PM

Centennial 7 & 10

Art Ladd	
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E2 - Current or upcoming Indigenous housing and infrastructure initiatives • How communities can engage with HICC • Coordination and collaboration with ISC and CMHC

Wednesday June 17

02:30PM - 03:30PM

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Eiad El-Fateh	
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Director, Intergovernmental and External Relations Directorate (IERD), Intergovernmental and External Partnerships Branch (IEPB), Homelessness and Housing Programs Sector (HHSP), Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) / Government of Canada

02:30PM - 03:30PM

Centennial 9

The presentation will include details on defining a "Subdivision", Capital Facilities & Maintenance Program (CFMP) requirements, Eligibility, Funding Requests & Technical Considerations

Donny Buckingham

Donny has been the manager of Professional & Technical Services (Major Capital) since 2019 at ISC-MB Region and previously was a senior engineer at ISC since 2013 and a Fire Protection Engineer at Fire Protection Services (No longer exists - Labour Canada) since 2002.

While working at ISC as a senior engineer, Donny has worked with various MB First Nations with their infrastructure needs, including, water treatment plants and distribution systems (piped, tanked and well based), wastewater treatment systems and collection systems (piped, tanked and field based), schools, subdivisions, community electrical distribution, connectivity, solid waste (landfills and transfer stations), community buildings (band offices, recreation centres, truck storage garages and firehalls) and housing, including professional housing. While working as Fire Protection Engineer, his primary role was to review designs and inspect existing/new infrastructure for building/fire code compliance of Government of Canada assets and First Nations (Saskatchewan, Manitoba, NW Ontario) public community buildings. Donny is First Nation (St. Theresa Point FN) and a registered P.Eng. in the Province of Manitoba.

03:30PM - 04:30PM

Hallway

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