

A Message from the CEO

As we head into the fall, I find myself reflecting on just how quickly the housing landscape has shifted over the last year and how the impacts of these shifts affect every one of our members. And as your Association, that means shifts for our work as well.

Over the last several months, a significant focus for us has also been relationship building. We've continued to strengthen connections with elected officials, government staff, and sector partners while working deliberately to build understanding of non-profit housing across ministries and across party lines. Support for non-profit housing must run across Cabinet and across political lines. As priorities shift, maintaining those relationships is essential to ensuring that the sector's voice remains understood, heard, and respected.

When we speak with government and opposition, we keep a number of priorities front and centre: identifying pathways forward for Community Housing Fund and Indigenous Housing Fund projects affected by Budget 2026, improving funding and payment processes for housing developments and retrofit projects as we prepare for prompt payment legislation, addressing the impacts of expiring operating agreements and restricted operating budgets on housing affordability for the province's most vulnerable residents, and ensuring that public dollars are invested where they are most effective—into the community based non-profit housing sector.

We are also spending time making sure we're telling the story of the sector in a way that makes sense to the public, and part of that has been learning current sentiments toward our sector through a poll, which will be released as part of our municipal campaign this month.

And steady progress on implementing our strategic plan is ongoing and the team has been advancing work across multiple fronts. Over the past several months, we have expanded climate resiliency education and resources, launched a six-part climate resiliency webinar series, completed heat pump training guides, advanced new asset management tools and services, brought funders together through our first Funders Alignment Table, ensuring that supportive housing providers have the tools they need to implement changes to the Residential Tenancy Act, and we completed a labour market study that will help inform future workforce development initiatives. We have also continued to invest in reconciliation, equity and inclusion, leadership development, and improvements to our internal systems and technology.

Through all of this, one thing has become increasingly clear: the number and complexity of issues facing our sector continues to grow. Every week brings new requests for advocacy, support, or engagement. While we cannot tackle everything at once, we are working closely with members to understand emerging challenges, identify where BCNPHA can have the greatest impact, and ensure our advocacy remains strategic, evidence-based, and focused on the issues that matter most to non-profit housing providers.

Thank you to everyone who continues to share experiences, challenges, and ideas with us. Our quarterly roundtables are a great place to share your feedback, our final **RENT event of 2026** happens on September 10 in Nanaimo, and our **Community Forum** is available 24/7 and of course you can reach out to us directly anytime. Your feedback informs our work every day and strengthens our ability to advocate effectively on behalf of the sector.

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