

National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Inc. (NICHl) Volunteer Opportunity

Project Selection Advisory Council

The National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Inc. (NICHl) exists to uphold and advance housing as a human right for all Indigenous Peoples living in urban, rural and northern communities from coast-to-coast-to-coast. NICHl will harness the extensive Indigenous housing expertise to co-design and co-deliver a national URN housing strategy, distribute resources to Indigenous housing projects and support wrap around services. Its governance, management and operational structures utilizes the strengths exhibited by Indigenous service organisations.

NICHl is currently reaching out to Indigenous housing experts from communities across Canada to source volunteers interested in joining the Project Selection Advisory Council (PSAC).

NICHl's Project Selection Advisory Council (PSAC) is an independent and nonpartisan body with a mandate to conduct an objective and fair selection process for URN funding. The PSAC is guided by criteria, as reviewed and affirmed by NICHl, which is used to identify and prioritize housing projects or developments eligible for program funding.

In this volunteer opportunity you will apply your expertise and share recommendations on Indigenous-led housing projects that may be eligible for funding under the above noted URN Strategy.

The goal is to have cross-cultural representation from First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people who are involved with and/or understand URN housing issues and the development of housing projects. Ideally, the Council will have gender balance and diversity; geographic balance with a national/regional perspective and representation from the North; expertise as needed to address unique project or development requirements, depending on geography and demographics based on immediate prioritized need, utilizing a sliding matrix scale.

The composition of the PSAC consists of seven (7) members and we are in the process of sourcing an additional seven (7) members who will be mentored by the existing Council. This cyclical framework will continue in the future so there is an on-going intake of new volunteers who are mentored by existing Council members. Council members volunteer for (24) twenty four months, with the possibility of extension.

Members of the PSAC are not directly compensated for their time since this is a voluntary opportunity. Council members do receive reimbursement for reasonable costs associated with necessary travel and accommodation to perform their duties.

The PSAC will be required to provide a complete list of prioritized projects/developments as determined using the described process for selection. NICHl will use this prioritized list to fund initiatives until all funding available for this round of the program has been expended.

As a precondition of being named to the Council and as an on-going requirement if appointed to the PSAC, members will:

- a) Observe the highest standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity in their consideration of all potential initiatives.
- b) Apply fairly and with consistency, the criteria provided in assessing potential initiatives and meet eligibility for these initiatives.
- c) Establish a prioritized list of housing projects for recommendation.
- d) Acknowledge and agree, in writing, that there is no real or perceived conflict of interest with respect to holding a voluntary position with PSAC and declare if any real or perceived conflict arises during the course of their work.
- e) Acknowledge and agree, in writing, to maintain, in strict confidentiality, any information brought before Council members in the conduct of their work.
- f) Within one month after submitting the recommendations for selected projects, provide a report to NICHl that contains information on the process undertaken including the execution of the terms of reference, statistical data relating to the applications received, and their recommendations.

If you wish to volunteer and join a dedicated team focused on making a meaningful difference in our communities, **please forward your expression of interest and resume to careers@nichihousing.com no later than 1:00pm EST July 31, 2026.** In your submission, please self-identify and note if you are fluent in both official languages.

Please visit our website www.nichi.ca to learn more about NICHl, its successes, and future goals.