

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 Opening Remarks

9:30 Session 1: The Current Housing and Mortgage Environment

This session will explore the current environment and its impact on housing, homeownership and affordability. A panel of industry insiders will provide insights on the local housing market and affordability, as well as the mortgage regulatory environment and mortgage consumer behaviours.

Speakers:

- **Janet McKeough**, AMP, Senior Mortgage Consultant and President of the Mortgage Brokers Association of Atlantic Canada
- **Tim Andrews**, Market Analyst, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- **Andrew Baikie**, Manager, Business Development, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

10:45 Session 2: Breaking the Barriers to Homeownership in Nova Scotia

Many Nova Scotians face challenges when they begin to consider transitioning to homeownership. Saving for a down payment can be a challenging and long process. Housing Nova Scotia is committed to helping Nova Scotians through innovative financing options that will help them save for a down payment, build equity and buy their home. This presentation will look at the main barriers to homeownership and present some innovative yet simple solutions.

Presenters:

- **Dan Troke**, Executive Director, Housing Nova Scotia
- **Paul Pettipas**, CEO, Nova Scotia Home Builders Association
- **Tim Welch**, Housing Consultant, TWC Inc.
- **Nicholas Gazzard**, Executive Director, Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada

12:00 Networking Lunch

12:45 Session 3: Habitat for Humanity - The Benefits of Homeownership

Habitat has helped thousands of deserving Canadian families realize their dream of homeownership. This presentation will outline the Habitat for Humanity model and also look at variations across the country. We will present a detailed analysis of the program benefits, not just for the partner families, but for society as well. Finally, we will dispel a few common myths and misunderstandings about Habitat, explore future growth and expansion strategies and touch on international home building by Habitat.

Speaker:

- **David Bowden**, Board Director and Past Chair, Habitat for Humanity Canada

2:00 Session 4: Affordable Homeownership Best Practices

Innovative Residential Inc. is a Saskatoon housing development company that has focused on creating affordable homes since 2007. Despite the increases in home prices, Innovative Residential continues to build homes, which families can afford and of which they can be proud. In partnership with the Municipality of Saskatoon, the Province of Saskatchewan and CMHC, Innovative Residential has helped over 300 families make the leap from renting to owning their home.

Speakers:

- **Tyler Mathies**, Co-founder and Corporate CEO, Innovative Residential
- **Alex Miller**, Co-founder and Operations CEO, Innovative Residential

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