



FNCIAS Fall 2023 Conference Follow Up FAQs

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Is FNCIAS related to or affiliated with FSIN?

No. The organization was initiated at the FSIN legislative assembly through a resolution. In 2020 FNCIAS became a stand-alone non-profit member corporation.

What happens if our band doesn't join?

First Nations that choose to not opt in will continue status quo and operate within the traditional model directly with ISC.

What happens to contracts/agreements we have with ISC & CMHC?

If your Nation chooses to become an FNCIAS member, all the contracts/agreements you have with ISC & CMHC remain in place until their conclusion.

Who funds this organization?

FNCIAS has an annual funding agreement with Indigenous Services Canada.

Is FNCIAS a second-level service or government body that charges administration fees?

No. We do not charge administration fees. Our services are provided to our members at no charge. FNCIAS operational funding is budgeted and separate from Nation funding and infrastructure.

What is the treaty position of your organization?

FNCIAS is a non-profit organization and we do not have any standing to negotiate any treaty rights. We are supportive of a parallel process continuing for treaty rights negotiation that is put forth by the FSIN and the Office of the Treaty Commissioner.

The success of this initiative depends on increased funding from Canada. Is this even possible? And how will a change in government affect this?

We are working to quantify the housing and infrastructure gap through physical inspection and data analysis, so we have a baseline defensible set of data to work from. We will go through community planning to have each Nation set its priorities. We will make our business case to Cabinet and Treasury with a new ask for money based on our methodology. We are developing and implementing political strategies to continually contact and update political stakeholders.

How will capital/housing project applications be reviewed and prioritized?

Each Nation is going to set its priorities through First Nation Development Plans. This will provide scheduling to FNCIAS to set aside the required funds on an annual basis. We still have other processes to explore regarding capital reserve replacement funds with Canada to ensure that existing infrastructure can be funded and replaced at the end of its lifecycle.

Where do we stand if we join you?

Any Saskatchewan First Nation can become a member by passing a Band Council Resolution to join the program development. FNCIAS and FNCIAS members are exploring the opportunity of the transfer of federal authorities including responsibility for design and delivery of programs and services. First Nations will then decide whether they want to provide approval for transfer.

How much does it cost to join FNCIAS?

There is no cost to join FNCIAS as a member.