



2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference

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MIKE HOLMES



Well-known TV host, housing expert and philanthropist Mike Holmes will give the opening keynote address at the 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference. Mike Holmes stars in *Holmes on Homes*®, the #1 show on HGTV Canada, which is syndicated in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Germany and South Africa. As a professional contractor, Mike Holmes uncovers and fixes sloppy, dangerous renovations in his award-winning television series (makeitright.ca).

In his WIHC keynote address, Mr. Holmes will profile *Building Homes and Building Skills*—a partnership between the Canadian Assembly of First Nations and the Holmes Group to renovate housing in the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation in Ontario, Canada, and build a sustainable community, based on green practices. “I am proud to be part of one of the most significant community development projects ever undertaken by First Nations in Canada. Together, we will build homes that are more durable and energy efficient to improve overall health benefits for families in the community. This project will build better infrastructure and create opportunities for First Nations to work with industry leaders.”

Mr. Holmes will also lead a workshop at the conference—*Rebuilding Devastated Communities*—on strategies for Indigenous communities to build the social, financial and technical capacity to respond to natural disasters like earthquakes, hurricanes, forest fires and flooding. The session will cover how to bring forces together to achieve effective local capability.