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Newsletter

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Introduction

Dear members of the AHIN community,

I hope you all had a beautiful and restorative summer. My suspicion is that we all needed a bit of rest and relaxation following another difficult winter with the pandemic. I hope that each and every one of you was able to get a bit of that over the warmer months.

Despite the many ways in which the pandemic has continued to pose challenges, At Home in the North has continued to move forward with its work and activities, albeit it at a slower pace than we had initially hoped. However, we are optimistic that over the next year we will be able to host an in-person event to bring as many of you together as possible and to continue the relationship-building we have already been engaging in on a remote basis.

We are also looking forward to relaunching the thematic research direction groups in the coming months. With the abundance of online meetings that everyone has been faced with during these times, we scaled back on the frequency of research direction meetings and are hopeful that we can get those smaller communities gathered together again over the course of the fall. Please keep your eye out for emails about research direction meetings.

To kick off At Home in the North activities and the webinar series for 2022/2023, our first online webinar will be on Friday, October 7th at 12:00-1:00PM EST. The calendar invite and Zoom link for the webinar will be circulated separately.

Finally, some changes have taken place over the summer for At Home in the North. Firstly, I have moved from Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The decision to make this move was a difficult one, but ultimately it brings good things for family life. It also means that At Home in the North will also now be based at Queen's, with Memorial University remaining an important partner in our activities. Our partnership continues to receive tremendous support from Memorial, and will now benefit from additional support from Queen's.

Secondly, Rebecca Schiff has moved from Lakehead University to the University of Northern British Columbia to take up a new position as Dean of the Faculty of Human and Health Sciences. Congratulations, Rebecca!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible online on October 7th. Thank you for your continued patience as we move to re-establish some of our core activities in the coming months as well as plan for our first in-person gathering in 2023.

Julia Christensen
Program Director, At Home in the North

At Home in the North Policy and Research Report Series

At Home in the North will be launching a Policy and Research Report Series in the fall. If you have a policy and/or research report idea, please reach out to Julia Christensen at julia.christensen@queensu.ca. This is a great venue for work that may not be suitable for peer-reviewed publication but that still makes an important contribution to publicly-accessible northern housing research and policy development.

Webinar and Online Knowledge Exchange Series

Our webinar series for fall is currently in planning and development. If you or someone else within your organization or research team would like to give a presentation as part of the series, please reach out to Christina Goldhar at christina.goldhar@mun.ca. Likewise, if you have an idea for a webinar topic or theme, please send your ideas to Christina.

At Home in the North Survey

Keep an eye on your inbox, the At Home in the North survey will be circulated soon. We are updating our information on program activities that occurred over the past year for the mid-term report.
