



2003 AGM resolutions: Summary of action taken and directions proposed

1. Changes to the Shared Revenue Program

This resolution altered the Shared Revenue Program formula to take into account that the number of groups receiving funds from the program had decreased.

Beginning in January 2003, the program was administered according to the new formula.

2. Finance Committee terms of reference

This resolution, which was approved as amended at the AGM, called for change in the composition of the Finance Committee and its quorum.

CHF Canada's Finance Committee will now consist of five members, and includes the Ontario Region treasurer. Because of the untimely death of Haji Jivraj, two vacancies will be filled at the 2004 AGM.

3. Agency negotiating principles

This resolution set out the guiding principles for the operation of the proposed new independent co-op programs agency, and linked CHF Canada's agreement with CMHC on the agency to solving the leaky co-op crisis in British Columbia.

In July 2003, the Government of Canada proposed a solution to the leaky co-op crisis that was acceptable to CHF Canada and BC's leaky co-ops. We therefore met the requirements of the resolution respecting the settling of the leaky co-op crisis. Progress on the implementation of the agency will be reported during the 2004 annual meeting.

4. National agency

This resolution recognized the achievements of CHF Canada and thanked the Minister Responsible for CMHC and members of Parliament for their support. It renewed CHF Canada's call on the government to start the agency in early 2004, and reaffirmed member support for key agency principles. It supported the Quebec sector's efforts to win an agency solution in Quebec and asked that information on the progress of the agency be provided to members.

5. Non-profit principle

This resolution asked CHF Canada members to reaffirm their commitment to their non-profit status by adopting a statement of principle to keep their co-operative both non-profit and affordable.

In 2004, CHF Canada will design and print a poster, and distribute written materials (mailings and website) to promote the non-profit principle.

6. Barrier-free access policy for housing co-operatives in Canada

This resolution asked members to adopt a statement of principle about housing co-ops and members with special needs.

Members referred this resolution to the Diversity Committee. A revised resolution has been submitted for consideration at this year's annual meeting.

7. Character Community Program

This resolution asked that CHF Canada research the Character Community Program (Regional Municipality of York) and report to the 2004 AGM, and that a workshop be offered during the 2004 AGM.

The workshop has been scheduled. A new resolution and a separate report to this meeting can be found in this book. Representatives of Ramer's Wood Co-operative Homes (Markham, Ontario) have assisted CHF Canada in preparing this material.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

L1. Reinvesting in Quebec housing co-operatives

This resolution called on CHF Canada members to support the Quebec movement's efforts to persuade the federal government to provide funding for the renovation of Quebec housing co-operatives.

Staff will be meeting with the leadership of the Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation (CQCH) to discuss the Quebec sector's plans for political action and how CHF Canada might best provide support.

L2. Section 95 subsidy on mortgage renewal

This resolution asked CHF Canada to press CMHC for a fairer solution to the decrease in subsidy that occurs when a Section 95 co-op renews its mortgage at a lower interest rate.

This matter has concerned CHF Canada for some time, and we have had some success at persuading CMHC that special assistance should be made available in certain cases when mortgages for Section 95 co-ops renew at a lower rate. Following the AGM, CHF Canada wrote to the Minister Responsible for CMHC setting out the subsidy problem and asking for a meeting to explore the issue. Due to the transitions that have taken place in Ottawa since then, we have yet to meet with the new Minister on the issue. A resolution proposing further work on this matter has been submitted to this year's annual meeting.