

**2007 AGM RESOLUTIONS**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTIONS PROPOSED**

**1. Qualifications for federation membership in CHF Canada**

Submitted by: Board of Directors

**AGM Action: Adopted**

This resolution amended CHF Canada's By-law #1 to put in place new qualifications for membership in CHF Canada for local and regional co-op housing federations. The qualifications will be implemented over a two-year period. No changes to any federation's status has taken place so far.

**2. Affordable housing for Canadians**

Submitted by: Board of Directors

**AGM Action: Adopted**

This resolution renewed CHF Canada's commitment to lobby for solutions to Canada's shortage of affordable housing.

Among several other government relations initiatives, the Board identified CHF Canada's participation in a multi-stakeholder campaign as an operating priority during 2008. Members receive a full report on CHF Canada's lobbying activity at each annual meeting.

**3. Securing open and affordable co-operative housing**

Submitted by: Windmill Line Co-operative Homes Inc. (Toronto, ON)

**AGM Action: Adopted**

This resolution called on CHF Canada's members to campaign for rent-geared-to-income subsidies for low-income households in existing housing co-operatives, including new subsidies when co-ops' operating agreements end. It asked that CHF Canada report to members in December 2007.

This subject has been a key focus of several meetings with Members of Parliament, the federal Minister, senior political staff, officials of the Prime Minister's Office, CMHC and others. CHF Canada has provided financial support for a Toronto-based (CHFT) campaign spearheaded by the Alliance for Affordable Co-op Housing (AACH). This group took a positive step forward in requesting rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance through the Agency, to test CMHC's "existing tools". As expected, these programs were not useful for co-ops in good financial health, even though a shortfall in

RGI assistance was identified. With CHF Canada and CHFT's assistance, these co-ops have now raised this matter with the Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Hon. Monte Solberg.

CHF Canada and others were responsible for pushing the government to include "affordable housing and homelessness" in the October 2007 Throne Speech.

We believe that as a result of our efforts (along with others), the government now believes that the problem of expiring operating agreements and reduced subsidies must be addressed. To that end, in December 2007, we provided the government with a specific proposal on increasing subsidies to low-income households in Section 95 co-ops.

The report called for in the resolution was posted on CHF Canada's website in early January.

**4. Environmental Sustainability for housing co-operatives and their members**  
Submitted by: Arcadia Housing Co-operative (Toronto, ON)

**AGM Action: Adopted**

This resolution identified possible ways that CHF Canada could assist members in achieving environmental sustainability.

This summer, CHF Canada will complete a handbook on sustainability for housing co-operatives. We are considering ways to join with others (federations, government departments and agencies) to further promote environmentally sustainable renovations and energy saving programs.

**5. Stronger Together: Upload Co-op Housing**  
Submitted by: CHASEO (Ottawa, ON) and CHFBC (Vancouver, BC)

**AGM Action: Adopted**

This resolution called on all CHF Canada members to support a campaign to upload municipally administered co-ops in Ontario to the provincial level, and then to outsource program administration to the Agency for Co-operative Housing.

CHF Canada's national office provided support to Ontario Region's 2007 provincial election campaign, and the Board has adopted this resolution as an operating priority for 2008.

## LATE RESOLUTION

### **L1. Poverty and the working poor**

Submitted by: St. Georges Housing Co-operative (Ottawa, ON)

#### **AGM Action: Referred to the Board of Directors**

The board discussed a course of action to follow up to this resolution at the November board meeting, and agreed that some activities should be undertaken by CHF Canada to support a general “anti-poverty” approach. The board noted, however, that CHF Canada’s government relations efforts should continue to be closely focused on promoting affordable housing and the development of new housing co-operatives.