



# Manitoba Newsbriefs

News for Manitoba Housing Co-ops

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## Advisory Forum Meets

This is the first meeting of the Manitoba Advisory Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to provide Manitoba housing co-ops with:

- A vehicle for networking
  - A liaison between CHF Canada and Manitoba
  - A platform to address concerns and to participate in formulating policies
- At the meeting Forum representatives will:

- Review Advisory Forum terms of reference
- Receive an update on CHF Manitoba activities

- Discuss preliminary 2001 operating plans and budget
  - Elect the Forum Executive
- All housing co-op are invited to attend and non-members may attend in a non-voting capacity.



**MEETING: Manitoba Advisory Forum**

**DATE:** THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2000

**TIME:** 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

**LOCATION:** WILLOW PARK EAST

HOUSING CO-OP

101 – 61 TYNDALL AVE

WINNIPEG

**R S V P by 12 September 2000**

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## Manitobans Make History

Three Manitobans were elected to the CHF Canada board of directors at the May 2000 annual meeting in Ottawa. Newly elected were **Mel Willis**, Westboine Park Housing Co-op, Winnipeg and **Wendy Huggan**, Willow

Park East Housing Co-op, Winnipeg. Mel is the Manitoba region director and Wendy is the director representing the Aboriginal community. **Wes Hosler**, Carpathia Housing Co-op, Winnipeg was

re-elected for another term in an at-large director position. Wes was also re-elected as President of CHF Canada. Congratulations Wendy, Mel and Wes.



## Welcome New Members

Welcome to our two newest Manitoba member housing co-ops: **Central Park Housing Co-op** in Winnipeg and **The Pas Valhalla Housing Co-op** in The Pas. These are the first members in Manitoba to be recruited under our new structure with CHF Canada. **Central Park** is a 44 unit apartment co-op located on



Kennedy street in downtown Winnipeg. It is a federally funded housing co-op built in 1986 under the 56.1 (or Section 95) program. **The Pas Valhalla** is a 30 unit seniors co-op located in The Pas. It is a federally funded housing co-op built in 1989 under the ILM program.

## Manitoba Housing Co-ops Thank Minister Gagliano

Manitoba housing co-op members and non-members met with **Minister Alfonso Gagliano** to thank him for his support of co-operative housing. The thank you took place during the National Federal Caucus meetings in Winnipeg at the end of August. Minister Gagliano is responsible for CMHC.

**Wes Hosler** (President of CHF Canada), **Rudy Comeault** (Manager of Westboine and Carpathia Housing Co-ops), **Sandy Francis** (Member of Carpathia), **Joan Skeene** (Manager of Harambee and Solidarity Housing Co-ops), **Roxane Hutcheson** (CHF MB Government Relations Officer) and **Christopher Wilson** (CHF Manager of National Political

Affairs) met with the Minister and two of his senior support staff at the Hotel Fort Garry.

It was an opportunity for CHF to emphasize the need to begin talks regarding our long term goal of the development of a **new non-governmental agency** to administer co-op housing programs outside Quebec.

**For more information regarding educational workshops contact Jocelyn Peifer 1-888-591-3301 or 989-5963 e-mail: [jpeifer@chfc.ca](mailto:jpeifer@chfc.ca) or fax: (204) 487-6407**

## New Lobby Co-ordinator Hired

On April 1, 2000, **Roxane Hutcheson** was hired to work on the lobby campaign in Manitoba. Roxane took over from Jocelyn Peifer, who now runs the CHF Manitoba office. Roxane is a resident of Carpathia Housing Co-op and brings lots of co-op sector experience to the position. Roxane can be reached at the CHF Manitoba office.

## Education

We offer education workshops for housing co-ops by request. The workshops are delivered on-site for a set fee and are designed specifically to **meet the needs of your housing co-op**. Here is a sample of some of the workshops we can offer: *Board of Directors, Financial Management, Legal Responsibilities of Directors, Financial Issues for ILM and Section 95 Housing Co-ops, Goal Planning for Co-op Boards.* Contact the office to set up a workshop for your co-op.

