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Administrative Staff Networking Luncheon

*Co-op Legislation — The Membership
Termination and Appeal Process*

Co-op staff face many challenges in their work and need opportunities to meet with resource people and other co-op staff in order to do their jobs effectively.

The CHF Canada Manitoba office is hosting a Networking Luncheon on Wednesday, **September 19, 2001**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Peppers Private Dining Room, 1895 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg. **Larry Roy**, lawyer with Monk Goodwin is the guest speaker. The price is free plus cost of own meal for CHF Canada members. Non-members pay a \$5.00 registration fee plus the cost of own meal. For more information or to register, contact Jocelyn at the CHF Canada Manitoba office. Seating is limited, so please **register by 17 September 2001**.

Workshops designed to meet your co-op's needs

We offer education workshops for housing co-ops by request. The workshops are delivered on-site 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 and Goal Planning for Co-op Boards. Contact **Jocelyn** at **(204) 989-5963** or toll free at 1-888-591-3301 to set up a workshop for your co-op.


Co-op Education Day

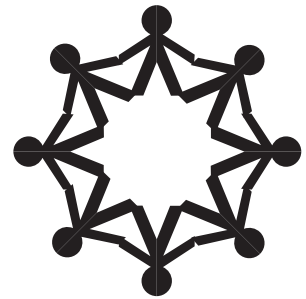
Saturday, October 27th, 2001

Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

Housing co-ops work best when members, board members and staff have the skills and knowledge they need. On Saturday, **October 27, 2001** the CHF Manitoba office will host a Co-op Education Day in Winnipeg. The day will include a variety of educational workshops, display booths and guest speakers, along with a Manitoba Advisory Forum meeting.

The event will provide practical information to help your co-op, great hands-on ideas and a chance to meet with other co-ops and discuss common issues. Make sure **you** attend this important event! It will be a great opportunity for members, board members and co-op staff to learn new skills and share experiences with others from across the province.

Mark your calendars now for October 27th and plan to join us in Winnipeg at the Co-op Education Day. In a few weeks, we'll send your co-op more information on the workshops and your registration forms. Contact Jocelyn at the CHF Canada Manitoba office for further information or to register. 



Westoba Credit Union joins Investment program

We're pleased to announce that **Westoba Credit Union** has joined our Co-op Housing Investment Program (CHIP) to service housing co-ops in the Brandon and surrounding area as well as in The Pas. Westoba Credit Union joins the partnership of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada Manitoba office, **Astra Credit Union, Assiniboine Credit Union and Cambrian Credit Union.**

CHIP is a specialized financial program offered exclusively to Manitoba members of CHF Canada. The program enables housing co-ops to earn a higher rate of interest and receive additional benefits on their current operating accounts. It also allows the CHF Canada Manitoba office to diversify its income source. This helps to keep member dues low while continuing to provide quality services to members. ►

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Manitoba Advisory Forum to Meet in Winnipeg

The next meeting of the Manitoba Advisory Forum will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2001** from **12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg in conjunction with the CHF Manitoba office Co-op Education Day.


At the meeting, Forum delegates will receive information on the CHF Manitoba operations and activities, CHF Canada board activities, and get an update on the negotiations with the federal government on the co-op sector non-governmental agency for administration of federal co-op housing programs. Forum delegates will also review and approve the 2002 CHF Manitoba office operating budget and the 2002 CHF Manitoba office dues levy.

Advisory Forum delegates must **register by October 23, 2001** to attend the meeting. All housing co-ops are invited to have two delegates attend the meeting. Non-members may attend in a non-voting capacity. For more information or to register, contact **Jocelyn** at the CHF Manitoba office.



Investment program (continued)

Westboine Park and **Carpathia** housing co-ops participate in CHIP and achieve BIG savings — about \$1.00 to \$1.20 per unit, per month. **Village Canadien Co-op** estimates a net gain of about \$3,120 in just the first year of participation in the program. That means they save over half of their annual CHF Manitoba office dues levy just by participating in the program.

CHIP is a great way to maximize **your** co-op's dollars. By participating in the CHIP program, your co-op can save money and pass those savings on to your members. Take the time to check out our CHIP program — contact Jocelyn at the CHF Canada Manitoba office for further information. 

Co-op Cost Cutters program offers great deals to members

Belonging to CHF Canada can help co-ops and co-op members save money. We work hard to harness the buying power of housing co-ops and by participating in our Co-op Cost Cutters group purchasing program members can save money!

Co-op Cost Cutters is a group purchasing program organized by Ontario federations and offered to CHF Canada Manitoba members through a special arrangement. The program offers Manitoba member housing co-ops the ability to pool their buying power with over 35,000 housing co-op units in Ontario. Member co-ops will save money on maintenance supplies, electrical and plumbing supplies, appliance parts, flooring, carpets, tile, paint and wall coverings, as well as other products and services.

For the past several years, Co-op Cost Cutters has been helping Ontario housing co-ops save money and today it has harnessed more than one million dollars in co-op purchasing power. That translates into great deals for your co-op. Take the time to check out Co-op Cost Cutters - contact Jocelyn at the CHF Canada Manitoba office to get your co-op saving money right away. 