

The  
**CO-OPERATIVE**  
HOUSING  
FEDERATION  
*of Canada*



# NewsBriefs

*Manitoba*

Manitoba Edition Fall 2009  
Volume 9, No. 2



IN THIS EDITION **MANITOBA  
HOUSING SIGNS  
MEMORANDUM**

*Page 2*

**GORD MACKINTOSH  
MAKES HISTORY  
FOR CO-OPS**

*Page 3*

**MANITOBA CO-OPS  
GET RENOVATION  
DOLLARS**

*Page 4*

## Landmark partnership between Manitoba housing and CHF Canada

A landmark partnership between the **Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada)** and the **Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation (MHRC)** has been announced with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

This new agreement, signed in August, is an important stepping stone for co-op housing providers.

**Linda Ferguson, CHF Canada Regional Director, Manitoba** is excited about the future in Manitoba for housing co-operatives. "The new partnership between

Manitoba Housing and CHF Canada is an important next step for Manitoba's 48 non-profit housing co-operatives," says Ferguson.

CHF Canada President Ken Elliott agrees. "We intend to build on the professional relationship that has been established between Manitoba Housing and CHF Canada's member co-ops across Manitoba. And we thank the **Hon. Gord Mackintosh**, the Minister of Family Services and Housing, for his leadership and support in sustaining the province's non-profit housing co-operative sector."

## CO-OPS GET RENOVATION DOLLARS

On June 5th, the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba partnered on a joint investment to build and to renovate existing affordable housing. The announcement included federal funding of \$79 million over two years under Canada's Economic Action Plan as part of a one-time investment of more than \$2 billion to build new and renovate existing social housing in Canada. The province also committed to \$79 million for these initiatives, over the next two years.



*Gord Mackintosh, Minister of Family Services and Housing joins the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).*

## HOUSING CO-OP LEADERS NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS CO-OP AWARDS

The Manitoba Co-operative Awards Program will hold a banquet on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg to present the Distinguished Co-operator awards. **Mel Willis**, former CHF Canada regional director and long-time member of **Westboine Park Housing Co-op** has been nominated for the Distinguished Co-operator Award. **Sandy Francis**, who has volunteered her time to plan and work towards the advancement of housing co-operatives in Manitoba, has been nominated for the Co-operative Merit Award. The awards will be announced on October 15, 2009 at a banquet hosted by the Manitoba Co-operative Association. For more information or for tickets, call Tammy Robinson at 1-888-591-3301

## GREENHEART HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE – A CANADIAN SUCCESS STORY!

With few housing co-ops being built anywhere in the country, the opening of **Greenheart Housing Co-op** is a national success.

Once an abandoned parking lot, this twenty-four unit affordable housing co-operative is one of Canada's newest co-operatives right here in Manitoba. Greenheart Housing Co-operative opened its doors to members at 279 Sherbrook in Winnipeg on July 1.

Greenheart is an environmentally friendly and sustainable co-operative in Winnipeg's inner city. It is also an example of a socially inclusive environment and has welcomed members of all ages, incomes and abilities.

## CENTRE VILLAGE HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE - A NEW HOUSING CO-OP IN WINNIPEG'S INNER CITY

Funding of \$1.5 million from the Manitoba government means a new twenty-five unit housing co-operative will be built on a vacant lot on Balmoral Street. This housing co-op will give Muslim immigrants, whose religion forbids them from paying interest on loans, and therefore rules out the option of conventional mortgages, the chance to establish themselves in the neighbourhood.

CentreVenture will sell the land to Centre Village for \$1, and the co-op will then take out the building's mortgage. Like most co-ops, residents will own a share of the co-op and pay a monthly housing charge.



# INTRODUCING 2020 COMPASS

THE SECOND IN A SERIES ABOUT CHF CANADA'S 2020 VISION

## WHAT 2020 COMPASS IS

By the year 2020, 55,000 units of co-op housing will no longer have the protection of government support. CHF Canada has created the 2020 Vision program to help housing co-ops plan for a bright future based on co-op principles and the values we share in the co-op housing movement.

What is the first step your co-op should take as you tackle the challenge of 2020? Wouldn't it help if your members understood why your co-op exists and what values your community stands for? Wouldn't it help if your co-op could chart a course for the future?

That's why CHF Canada has developed 2020 Compass, a process that will help your co-op clarify its purpose, its values, and what kind of future it sees for itself.

2020 Compass is a facilitated, step-by-step process, adapted to each co-op's needs, that will help your co-op develop a mission and vision based on your core values as a non-profit housing co-op. It is already proving a success for housing co-ops. You can share their experiences – and your own – through CHF Canada's 2020 Vision website.

## HOW 2020 COMPASS WORKS

By arrangement with CHF Canada, a 2020 Compass facilitator will start by helping you custom-design a process that's right for your co-op. Then your facilitator will lead you through the steps of the 2020 Compass to an outcome you can be proud, engage your members in the process keep things on track and relevant to your members, assess your progress at each stage to make sure it's working for you, and help you present your mission and vision for your members' approval.

2020 Compass facilitators have been specifically trained by CHF Canada. They are part of a network of facilitators who share their successes and challenges to improve the Compass every time it is used. They have access to the latest Compass developments through the 2020 Vision website, and they work hard to ensure the best result for your co-op.

## ADDED VALUE OF 2020 COMPASS

As well as a roadmap for the future, the 2020 Compass brings other benefits to your co-op. It will improve co-op morale, show you how to have fun and productive members' meetings, focus your members' attention on the things that really matter to your co-op community, and help you choose between competing priorities in the short- and long-term.

2020 Compass will also prepare you to meet the challenge of becoming a certified 2020 Co-op. You can find the list of the eight standards for 2020 Co-op certification on the 2020 Vision website. The first two are a mission statement for your co-op and a vision for the future, and a commitment to the values of the Canadian co-operative housing movement.

2020 Compass can help you meet these two standards, and more. Because the Compass gets you thinking about all aspects of your co-op's future – management and governance, the need to plan, and the importance of sustainability – the Compass can give you a head start on the path to achieving all of the 2020 standards.

## HOW TO BRING 2020 COMPASS TO YOUR CO-OP

The 2020 Compass process is available to all CHF Canada member co-ops on a cost-recovery basis. A facilitator can work with you to design a process that will work for your co-op – as it has for others. Here's what two co-op members have to say about the 2020 Compass experience at their co-ops:

*"I would definitely recommend this process to other co-ops" (Lil Cameron, Halston Hills Housing Co-op, Burnaby BC)*

*"It was an eye-opener. It's amazing how we're all on the same page now about our future" (Gloria Sadler, Frances Gardens Housing Co-op, Vancouver Island BC)*

**Start using 2020 Compass to chart a course for your co-op's future. Contact Tammy Robinson at CHF Canada's Manitoba office - call (204) 947-5411, 1-888-591-3301, or email [trobins@chfcanada.coop](mailto:trobins@chfcanada.coop).**

## Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss CHF Canada's Fall Education event

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> - Delta Winnipeg

Whether you are looking for tools to run your co-op, training to be a board member, or looking for information on co-op issues, this is a terrific way to connect with other co-op members and learn new skills.

Choose from workshops on:

- Asset management and developing maintenance strategies
- Reading financial statements
- Leadership renewal
- Becoming a 2020 Co-op

Manitoba Housing will be providing a bursary for all Manitoba co-ops to attend the education event.

For more information please contact Tammy Robinson at 1-888-591-3301 or [trobinson@chfcanda.coop](mailto:trobinson@chfcanda.coop)

## MANITOBA DELEGATES GO TO CHF CANADA AGM IN VICTORIA

Ten Manitobans travelled to Victoria this May for CHF Canada's annual meeting. "It is a wonderful chance to meet with other co-ops and network," says Linda Campbell, delegate for Willow Park East.

Don't miss CHF Canada's 2010 AGM in London, Ontario June 10 – 12.



Left: Gary DeMontigny (delegate for Westboine) and spouse, Terry DeMontigny, Linda Campbell (delegate for Willow Park East), Dave Serduk spouse of Darlene and member of Carpathia, Darlene Serduk (delegate for Carpathia) and Norm Martel (alternate for Willow Park East) at the closing dinner in Victoria.

**Did you know? According to the most recent census, 1.5 million Canadian households were in core housing need in 2006. This equals about 3.21 million people across Canada and 46,000 Manitobans, more than half of whom are women and children.**

On the cover: Joy Cramer, Assistant Deputy Minister, CEO Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation; Tammy Robinson, CHF Canada Program Manager Manitoba; Hon. Gord Mackintosh, Minister of Family Services and Housing; Rob Altemeyer, MLA Wolseley; Brian Grant, Housing Coordinator; West Broadway Development Corporation and Dennis Kwan, Prairie Architects Inc., at Greenheart Housing Co-operative.

## PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The  
CO-OPERATIVE  
HOUSING  
FEDERATION  
of Canada



NewsBriefs  
Manitoba

NewsBriefs is published by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada.

Material may be copied. Please credit CHF Canada.

Story ideas, comments or questions? Call Fiona Jackson at 1-877-533-2667 or e-mail [fjackson@chfcanda.coop](mailto:fjackson@chfcanda.coop)

Design and printing:  
Aerographics Creative Services  
[www.aerographics.ca](http://www.aerographics.ca)

Printing  
Cielo Print Inc.

### Contact information

National Office  
311-225 Metcalfe Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1P9  
Tel (613) 230-2201  
Fax (613) 230-2231  
Toll-free 1-800-465-2752

Manitoba Office  
162 – 2025 Corydon Avenue,  
Suite 192  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3P 0N5  
Tammy Robinson  
Tel (204) 947-5411  
Toll-free 1-888-591-3301  
[trobinson@chfcanda.coop](mailto:trobinson@chfcanda.coop)

