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Save money with CHIP

Housing co-ops in Nova Scotia can now save money while banking with a co-operative institution. Credit Union Atlantic now offers Co-op Housing Investment Program services to CHF Canada members. You can avoid service charges and earn higher interest on your co-op's savings and operating accounts. See the flyer included with this issue or contact **JoAnn Rogers** at our Nova Scotia office for details.

Welcome to new members

Crystal Grange Housing Co-operative in Bridgewater became a member of CHF Canada in November. The 12-unit co-op was occupied in 1986. **Saduke Housing Co-operative** in Lower Sackville joined CHF Canada in March. Members of this 20-unit building are determined to make their co-op into a model that can be used as an example of how co-ops should work. **Gimmee Shelter Housing Co-op** in Sydney, Cape Breton is another co-op that recently joined CHF Canada. Two of their members attended a CHF Canada networking event in the fall. They were attracted by the prospect of saving on their property insurance and joined in November. A hearty welcome to all of our new members!

Mark your calendar



Delegates to the CHF Canada AGM will meet Saturday, **May 10 at 1:30 pm** in the training room at our Nova Scotia office to talk about resolutions and prepare for the meeting.

CHF Canada annual meeting Make sure you're there!

Canada's housing co-ops are coming to Nova Scotia in June. The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada's annual meeting is taking place in Halifax, June 4-7. Make sure your co-op takes advantage of the opportunity to be part of the bigger picture – right here at home.



The annual meeting includes a business meeting to talk about issues that affect housing co-ops in their regions and across the country. There's an event for co-op youth. There will be more than 70 workshops where you can learn the skills you need to make running your co-op easier. The AGM is your chance to share experiences with 800 housing co-op members from across Canada. You'll make friends, get new ideas and have a whole lot of fun in the process.

"The Local Planning Committee is putting together a great 2003 AGM," says **Barb Casey**, the local AGM planning co-ordinator. "Volunteers are working hard to deliver a well organized and entertaining four days."

Make sure your co-op is represented. If you haven't registered yet, visit the CHF Canada Web site at www.chfc.coop for a registration package. For more information, contact **JoAnn Rogers**, Member Services Co-ordinator, in our Halifax office by e-mail at jrogers@chfc.ca or by phone (toll-free) at 1-866-213-2667 (423-7119 in the Halifax area).

Volunteers needed

Plans for the AGM are forging ahead with the enthusiastic support of the Local Planning Committee. But we need more volunteers to make this event a real success.

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New Advisory Committee

The new Nova Scotia Advisory Committee held its first meeting in February. Members of the committee are **John MacDonnell** (Kabuki Co-op), **Tammy Brunet** (Fresh Start Housing Co-op), **Terry Dalby** (Privateers Housing Co-op), **Charlie Paddock** (Four Corners Housing Co-op) and **Avril Holden** (North Harbour Housing Co-op). The committee will meet during the CHF Canada AGM and again in the fall.

Goodbye to Susan

CHF Canada recently said goodbye to **Susan Wells**, Nova Scotia regional director since 1999. Susan resigned from the CHF Canada Board in January when she moved out of her housing co-op. We want to thank Susan for her work on behalf of housing co-ops and wish her well in the future.

Election at AGM

The new Nova Scotia regional director will be elected at the CHF Canada AGM. A meeting of Nova Scotia members will be held **Friday, June 6** in the Highland Suite 11 of the Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre. The official meeting notice is included with this issue of *Newsbriefs*. CHF Canada directors serve a two-year term and meet four times year, usually in Ottawa. If you are thinking about running, visit our Web site at <http://members.chfc.ca/eng/pages/agm.asp>, or contact, **Nick Sidor**, Corporate Secretary toll free at 1-800-465-2752, ext. 231.

Need funding to get to the AGM?

Don't think you can afford to come to the CHF Canada AGM? Yes, you can. The Housing Services Division of the Department of Community Services is providing bursaries of up to \$1,000 so Nova Scotia housing co-ops can attend the Halifax AGM. "We don't want to see Nova Scotia coops miss out on this excellent opportunity because they cannot afford to attend," says **Warren Olsen** of Housing Services. "The AGM is a chance for all the coops to take some very valuable workshops, as well as meet other members from across the country. It is part of our ongoing commitment, as a Department, of supporting the cooperative housing sector in Nova Scotia."

Albro Court Housing Co-op, in Dartmouth, is one co-op that is taking advantage of the offer. "I hope more co-ops apply," says **Diana Quinn**. "It would be terrible if a co-op didn't send someone to the AGM because of money, when they could have received some help." Diana is one of two people Albro Court is sending to the AGM. "We will receive \$600 in bursaries," she says, "\$400 towards the registration fee and \$200 for other expenses. We feel that this is very generous." She says she was pleasantly surprised to receive the money, because she had thought that it was only available for co-ops outside the Halifax Metro area.

For application information, contact **Karine Ethier** toll-free at 1-800-465-2752, ext. 239 or e-mail kethier@chfc.ca. 🏠

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JoAnn Rogers is the local volunteer co-ordinator. She says she needs volunteers before the AGM and about 75 people to help out on the actual days of the meeting. If you're interested, you can contact JoAnn toll free at 1-866-213-2667 (423-7119 in the Halifax area) or e-mail jrogers@chfc.ca. "Come join us," she says. "It will be an excellent opportunity to meet other co-op members and have a really good time." 🏠