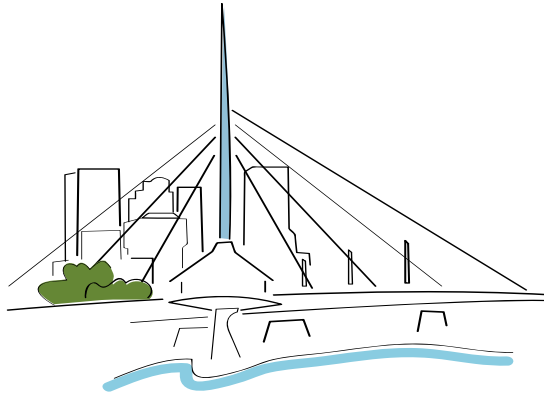


Come to
Winnipeg
 June 7-9!



The future of our co-ops is on the table this year. And it might not be a coincidence that CHF Canada's annual meeting will take place in Winnipeg, on the eastern edge of the vast prairies, where you can see for miles. As many co-ops near the end of their operating agreements, we've prepared the 2020 Compass - a tool to help members prepare for this transition and "map the road ahead." In Winnipeg, members can sit down together and talk about the steps they need to take now before their agreements end. And we can all set our sights on a future for housing co-ops well past the year 2020.

A focus on the environment

And still with an eye on the future, members have chosen environmental sustainability as this year's Annual Meeting theme – we will be pioneering a "green" co-op movement that protects our co-ops and communities for future generations.

You can experience great local entertainment and fun too. Hand-clapping, toe-tapping dance is a highlight at the Red River Celebration social night in St. Boniface, the largest French Quarter in Western Canada. Come and find out what makes Winnipeg a truly diverse city.

The CHF Canada Annual Meeting is the premier meeting for all members and staff – don't miss it!

Money to help you attend

And you can go too... Your co-op can get help to send a member to the annual meeting. For the fifth consecutive year, The Nova Scotia Department of Community Services is offering bursaries so housing co-ops from Nova Scotia can attend CHF Canada's annual meeting. Here's how it works. Your co-op can receive up to \$1,000 towards expenses incurred in attending the AGM (funds are limited, and given on a first-come, first-served basis). If your co-op is 25 units or smaller, CHF Canada's Small Co-ops Fund will help out with discounted registration fees and an additional \$200 accommodation bursary.

A travel pool can help with the cost of airfare. If your co-op has 26-50 units you will be refunded the difference between \$800 and the cost of a seat sale ticket, or the actual price paid, whichever cost is less. For small co-ops of 25 units or less, you pay no more than \$150 for each delegate to travel to the AGM.

Thanks to the bursary program, more Nova Scotia housing co-operatives are represented at the AGM. And that means the chance to connect with members from housing co-operatives across the country.

To find out how much your co-op can receive, contact Debbie Hamilton, at 1-866-213-2667 or e-mail dhamilton@chfc.ca.

Thinking of running?

The world of housing co-ops stretches far beyond your front door. Have you ever thought about learning more about the issues affecting housing co-ops across Canada? Have you considered how you could play a role in the outcome of those issues? Have you thought about running for the CHF Canada Board?

CHF Canada is a national federation representing co-ops in every province and territory in the country. Members elect a regional director for each province and five at-large directors to represent them on CHF Canada's Board.

CHF Canada members in Nova Scotia have chosen to elect their Regional Director at a meeting held at home. That election will take place on April 14, during the lunch hour at the Education Conference at the Holiday Inn Harbourview in Dartmouth. The election will be for a two-year term.

The at-large elections take place during CHF Canada's AGM in Winnipeg, June 7 – 9. Nomination forms are available in the AGM section of the CHF Canada website at www.chfcanada.coop. You can find information on what's involved and the role of directors there too. Or contact Nick Sidor, Director, Corporate Affairs at 1-800-465-2752, ext.231 or by e-mail at nsidor@chfc.ca.

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