



2022 Nova Scotia FALL EDUCATION EVENT

**Saturday
November 5, 2022,
8:30 am – 3:30 pm**



Theme - Reinventing ourselves post pandemic

Registration: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Best Western Plus Dartmouth, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth | 902-463-2000

Morning networking – co-op bingo! 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Start the day with your fellow co-operators. The focus of this session is to provide a forum for you to exchange ideas with co-op members and directors from other housing co-ops across the province. We have heard that participants learn from each other and we know that this type of peer-to-peer exchange is valuable. No matter where you are in the province, you will find some common experiences governing, managing and living in a housing co-op.

Town hall panel – co-ops' role in the housing crisis

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Housing co-operatives are not a new concept, but there has been almost no co-op housing built in Canada since the early 1990s. With the need for affordable housing greater than ever across the country, what is being done here in Atlantic Canada? Join us to hear about what is happening here on the east coast to help meet this need.

Networking lunch 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Join us for a buffet lunch and a chance to connect, chat and learn more from co-op members from across Nova Scotia.

Afternoon workshops 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Choose one workshop from a choice of three:

1. How do we get back to normal?

Allison Ferris is the Client Services Co-ordinator at Housing Alternatives, Saint John, New Brunswick, and a CHF Canada workshop leader.

You may be asking yourself, "After two years, how do we get back to normal?" But what you should be asking yourself is, "What is normal?" The way a co-op operated in the past changed during the pandemic, we will talk about what worked, what did not, and what best practices to continue and plan for in the new normal, post-pandemic.

In this workshop you will:

- have the chance to talk about how the pandemic experience affected governance at your housing co-op
- learn from others and hear how they tried to keep governance strong despite it all
- discuss whether our experience over the past two years has changed how we will achieve stellar co-op governance post-pandemic.



OR

2. Who are we? Staying in your lane...

Jaclyn Johnston is Co-ordinator Atlantic Region and a workshop leader at CHF Canada

How do members of housing co-ops understand who does what, why and when? Even in co-ops, where people can wear many hats, it is possible for roles to be clear and understood. Learn about your role (as a member or a board member) and stay in your lane. This workshop will provide a clear description of the different roles, who does them and why. Learn what can happen when these roles are confused and how to avoid this.

OR

3. Where are we? Don't be afraid

Sheryl Cameron is former Coordinator, Co-operatives & Non-Profits for Housing Nova Scotia, working with the housing co-op sector for 25 years.

Cathy Volans is Co-ordinator, Co-op & Planning Services Atlantic, and a workshop leader at CHF Canada.

All members need information in order to make good decisions; but do your eyes glaze over when the word "Financials" gets used? Financials are sometimes not so easy to understand and interpret. Join us as we dig into what they are, what information you should be looking for, and how to be on the lookout for possible issues.

Online registration

Please visit our website at www.chfcanada.coop and click on **Events** to register online.

Cancellation policy

All cancellations must be made at least 3 days prior to the event, and a \$20 cancellation fee will apply. No refund will be issued for cancellations received less than 3 days prior to the event.

Registration fees

Registration type	CHF Canada members		Non-members
	Early bird by Oct. 22, 2022	Regular after Oct. 22, 2022	
First participant	\$135	\$155	\$355
Additional participants	\$85	\$105	N/A
Young member (under 35 years)	free (after first member is registered)	free	N/A

Scent-free event

This is a scent-free event. Please do not use scented products like fragrances and perfumes, colognes, aftershaves, hand creams or hand sanitizers.



Discounts

Early bird registration

Register online by Saturday, October 22, 2022 and save \$20 on each registration fee.

Additional participant

Once you've registered one participant, you'll save \$50 on each additional registration.

Young member

Once you've registered one participant, each young member (under 35 years) is free.

Travel rebate for members

If you live more than 100 km from the Halifax area, we'll provide a \$100 travel rebate per co-op.

Send cheques to:

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Questions

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