

# Appendix 1

## Our Movement, Our Values

### **The Values of the Canadian Co-operative Housing Movement**

Canada's non-profit housing co-operatives are dedicated to developing strong housing communities that operate under the control of the resident-members, for their mutual benefit on a not-for-profit basis. As a movement we are united by a commitment to uphold and promote these shared values:

1. The international co-op principles guide the way we govern and manage our housing co-ops.
2. Continuing to operate our co-ops on a not-for-profit basis is fundamental to our future and to our promise to Canadians in need of housing.
3. Co-ops strive to house members with a mix of incomes.
4. Housing co-ops treat their employees and other providers of management services fairly and value the contribution they make to their communities.
5. Housing co-ops are inclusive communities and embrace diversity by fostering a membership of differing backgrounds and abilities.
6. A commitment to environmental sustainability guides the operating practices of housing co-ops.
7. Co-ops aim to provide a high-quality living environment for their members and do their best to respond to their changing housing needs over time.
8. The right of members to live in their co-op is protected as long as they respect the rules that they have together agreed will govern their housing.