

# CHF Canada - CHDP Biannual Report to CMHC

## Q3 - Q4 2025

As we embark on our work to create co-operative communities in Canada, the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) acknowledges the ancestral and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people that call this land home, from coast to coast to coast.

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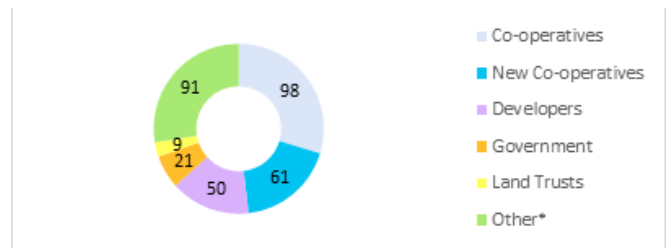
## Purpose

This Biannual Public Communication Report shares updates on progress, learnings, successes, and strategies of the Co-operative Housing Development Program (CHDP) over Q3-Q4 2025

## CHDP Highlights

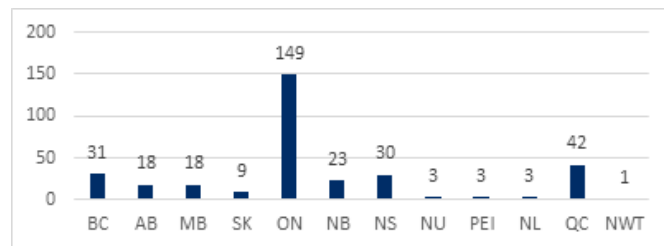
From July to December 2025, CHF Canada fielded 330 inquiries about CHDP from across Canada. All our inquiries are logged and recorded in our customer management software, helping us develop supports and resources that are regionally specific and learn more about who is interested in building the next generation of co-operative housing in Canada.

## Inquiries by Category



\*Other refers to individuals, groups, and other stakeholders reaching out with inquiries about co-operative sector growth.

## Inquiries by Province and Territories



## Education and Capacity

### Co-operative Housing Models

CHF Canada is developing educational resources on emerging co-operative housing models. CHF Canada created a new video that explores the land co-operative model, how it works, and why it is becoming an important structure to protect land and support the growth of co-operative housing. The video and supporting resources can be found on [CHF Canada's website](#).

### Outreach

From July 2025 to December 2025, CHF Canada has engaged in several outreach activities to provide information and guidance on CHDP.

Examples of these engagements, with highlights are below:

#### [Congrès d'orientation de la Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation \(CQCH\)](#)

CHF Canada staff hosted a tradeshow booth at the CQCH orientation congress to provide information on CHDP and led a workshop on member

engagement aimed at strengthening healthy co-operative democracy.



Vanina Njouekou & Michael Norris, CQCH Orientation Congress

#### [Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association \(MNPFA\) Conference](#)

CHF Canada staff hosted a tradeshow booth at the MNPFA Conference to provide information on co-operative housing and respond to questions. Staff also participated in the panel “Funding Our Future: Funding for Development & Renewal,” where they presented on CHDP.



Jessica Bundy, MNPFA Conference

## Atlantic Summit

The Atlantic summit is an event organized by CHF Canada to allow their members from the Atlantic provinces to network, stay informed about developments and assist in training activities.

During the event, CHF Canada staff hosted a tradeshow booth to respond questions about development services and CHDP support. Staff also delivered a CHDP workshop, where approximately 30 participants took part in a hands-on activity to learn about the key steps in affordable housing development.

## Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA)

ONPHA is an event that gathers housing professionals and community housing members from across Ontario to discuss key sector priorities, including growth and development.

During the event, CHF Canada staff distributed materials to promote co-operative housing development, attended sessions on project management for new construction

and capital projects, and engaged with sector partners and members to explore collaboration opportunities.

## Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ)

Journée de l'habitation SHQ & Carrefour Technique SHQ is an event where non-market housing providers and partners are invited to discuss best practices regarding the funding, maintenance, and development of non-market housing assets. It is organized by SHQ, the provincial government entity responsible for the funding and operation of non-market housing in Quebec.

Two CHF Canada staff were in attendance for the full event.

## BC Housing Central

BC Housing Central is a conference that brings together participants representing community and supportive housing providers, developers, municipal, provincial, and federal representatives.

During the event, CHF Canada staff hosted a tradeshow booth to provide information about CHDP, CHF



Marla Gagnier & Amina Dibe, BC Housing Central Conference

Canada's Growth Service offering and recent co-operative housing development examples. They also participated in a panel and a workshop:

- **Panel - “Blending Private Capital with Community Purpose”:** Focused on the use of private capital to accelerate acquisition processes, reduce dependence on government funding, and expand the tools available to non-profits as actors in the real estate market.
- **Workshop - “Magic Recipe: Executing Community Housing Development”:** Focused on the roles, responsibilities, and engagement points throughout the co-operative development journey.

## CHDP Information Webinars

During Q4 2025, CHF Canada's

Development Team hosted three CHDP information webinars. The webinars highlighted publicly announced information from successful CHDP Round 1 projects, shared lessons learned and provided an overview of CHF Canada's Growth Support Services. CHF Canada also presented updated eligibility requirements for Indigenous proponents, as well as guidance on how to organize an upstart housing co-operative.

The webinars received positive feedback and demonstrated strong interest from groups in both co-operative housing and CHDP. Attendees actively participated and expressed interest in additional learning opportunities of this kind in the future.

Below are some quotes from attendees:

“Very professional. Clear and well done.”

“I really appreciated how the presentation was short and allowed most of the time for questions. Thanks!”

“Very effective session.”



## Success Stories

### Queens Neighbourhood Co-operative Housing Ltd.

Queens Care Society (QCS) was a volunteer-led non-profit established to improve the lives of seniors in the Region of Queens Municipality in Nova Scotia. In February 2023, Queens Neighbourhood Co-operative Housing Ltd. (QNCH) was established with the help of QCS and in response to the growing need for affordable and accessible housing for seniors in the region.

QNCH received CHDP support and funding. The views expressed here are the personal views of the author and CMHC accepts no responsibility for them.



Passive Design Solutions rendering  
Queens Neighbourhood Co-operative Housing  
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Queens Neighbourhood Co-operative Housing Ltd. (QNCH) was established with the help of QCS and in response to the growing need for affordable and accessible housing for seniors in the region.

QNCH is developing a 30-unit co-operative housing project. The project includes a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units, all built to universal design standards, with two fully barrier-free homes. Using passive house principles and solar panels, the development aims to be highly energy-efficient and net-zero.

CHF Canada assisted in the incorporation of the co-operative and in their strategic planning. CHF Canada also reviewed their CHDP application prior to submission.

Construction started in July 2025 and is expected to be completed in November 2026.

### How to stay updated

To learn more about CHF Canada development supports, resources and news, you can:

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- Email [growth@chfcanada.coop](mailto:growth@chfcanada.coop)
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