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Erin Hancock, International Centre for Co-operative Management, Saint Mary's University & Instructor for CHMA Elective "Co-operative Culture and Living"

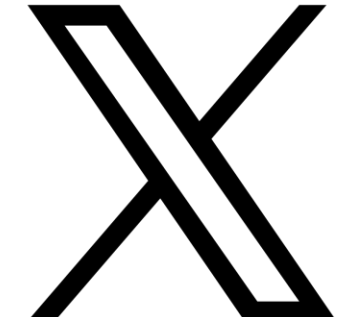
Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that New Brunswick is situated on the unceded and unsurrendered territories of the Wolastoqey, Mi'gmaw, and Peskotomuhkati peoples. We seek to repair and rebuild meaningful relationships with Indigenous peoples and honour these lands which hold the hopes of future generations.



Share what you've learned on social media!

- Post photos, favourite moments, or key learnings from today's workshops on social media
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- Use the hashtag #CHFCanada2026



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Fulfilling your legal duties as a board director

Taking effective meeting minutes

Chair like a champion

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Identity affirming language

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A man with a beard, wearing a blue shirt and a grey pinstriped blazer, is looking down at a document he is holding. The image has a strong red overlay. The text "A real moment for our movement" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**A real moment for
our movement**



International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build a Better World

The Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC) is a multi-stakeholder partnership of global public and private institutions that champions and supports people-centred and self-sustaining cooperative enterprises as leaders in sustainable development. Learn more about our [members](#) and [our work](#).



Discussion Draft 2 of the Revised Cooperative Identity Statement is available for comment.

Draft changes to the Statement
on the Cooperative identity

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What we can do together to
strengthen the cooperative
identity

Develop your own cooperative
identity statement

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Statement on the Co-operative Identity

The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) is the global steward of the Statement on the Cooperative Identity – the Definition, Values and Principles of the cooperative movement.

A cooperative is an ***autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.***

COOPERATIVE VALUES

Self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, solidarity, honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

GROUP ACTIVITY



Generate the
7 co-operative
principles




Cooperative Principles

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community



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Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

(ICA, 1995)

UK: Double the size of the co-operative sector



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Our diverse global movement





Cooperatives are everywhere! Take ownership.

GROUP ACTIVITY

“Logo Game”

Is it a co-op,
non profit organization
or corporation?



Is it a co-op, an NPO or a corporation?



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Is it a co-op, an NPO or a corporation?



It's a co-operative



It's a non-profit



It's a private business



It's a co-operative





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Headlines

CO-OPERATIVE IDENTITY AND ENERGIZING THE CO-OPERATIVE BRAND

International Symposium

- Online, free
- May 19-21, 2026
- Pre-Symposium Workshop, May 14

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EDUCATION

Symposium looks for ways to energise the co-op brand

June 3, 2026 / Alice Toomer-McAlpine

'We're in a time of poly crisis ... so it feels like a really important time for us'

AGRICULTURE

Irish agri co-ops: Living in interesting times

June 2, 2026 / Co-operative News

Paul Gosling takes a look at the consolidation trend in the farmer



**What's new and interesting in
housing co-ops/co-op housing**

All Housing news articles

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BANKING AND INSURANCE

Nationwide partners with Resonance to unlock empty homes

May 22, 2026 / Nicholas Milton

The mutual is working with the social impact fund to create affordable homes



HOUSING

Housing co-op leaders call for sector renewal ahead of Scottish elections

March 10, 2026 / Miles Hadfield

The Confederation of Co-operative Housing launched its CCH Manifesto



Cooperative
Housing
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International Legal Research and Analysis Initiative of the International Cooperative Alliance

The Law on Cooperative Housing

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First-time Homebuyers Program: pilot project

A man in a light-colored blazer is standing at the front of a meeting room, speaking into a microphone. Behind him is a large screen displaying logos for 'ncb National Cooperative Bank', 'ROCHDALE CAPITAL', and 'NCBA CLU The National Cooperative Business Association'. Below the logos, the text 'Thank you for P...' is visible. The room is filled with people seated at long tables, listening to the presentation. A potted plant is visible in the background.

News from the wider co-op sector in Canada: Stats & Stories (and tools)



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THE CO-OP EDGE

Innovation and Advanced Technology

- Co-ops are more likely to adopt advanced technologies – from e-commerce to renewable energy and fintech – than traditional SMEs.
- **39%** introduced product or process innovation (vs. 28% of SMEs).
- **72% survive beyond 20 years**, double the SME average, offering stability in uncertain times.

Co-ops don't just fit today's moment – they're key to a resilient, stable future and are already showing the way.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

A Strong, Stable Contributor

- Add **\$52.8 billion** to Canada's GDP annually – about 2.5% of the national economy.
- **194,000+ direct jobs** and **592,000 total jobs** supported when indirect impact is included.
- Co-ops keep wealth local and strengthen regional resilience.



The precarity mindset

89% believe instability is permanent

67% believe the cost of living is as bad as it's ever been

54% are less confident about their future than 3 years ago



KEY FINDINGS

1. Canadians want stability, not disruption.
2. Co-operatives put Canadians back in control – something many feel they have lost.
3. Canadians want more co-operatives.



Canadians consistently see co-operatives as a stable path forward

- 83% Co-operatives help make communities more stable during economic ups and downs
- 83% Co-operatives are more likely to survive tough times because their members have a stake in their success
- 81% Co-operatives are part of the solution to Canada's biggest challenges, like affordability and inequality
- 71% Co-operatives are better equipped to adapt to change and new technologies than other kinds of businesses



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The 50-30 Challenge



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University of Saskatchewan



lack of
awareness of the
co-operative model



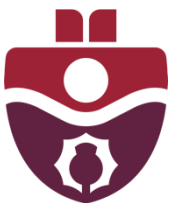
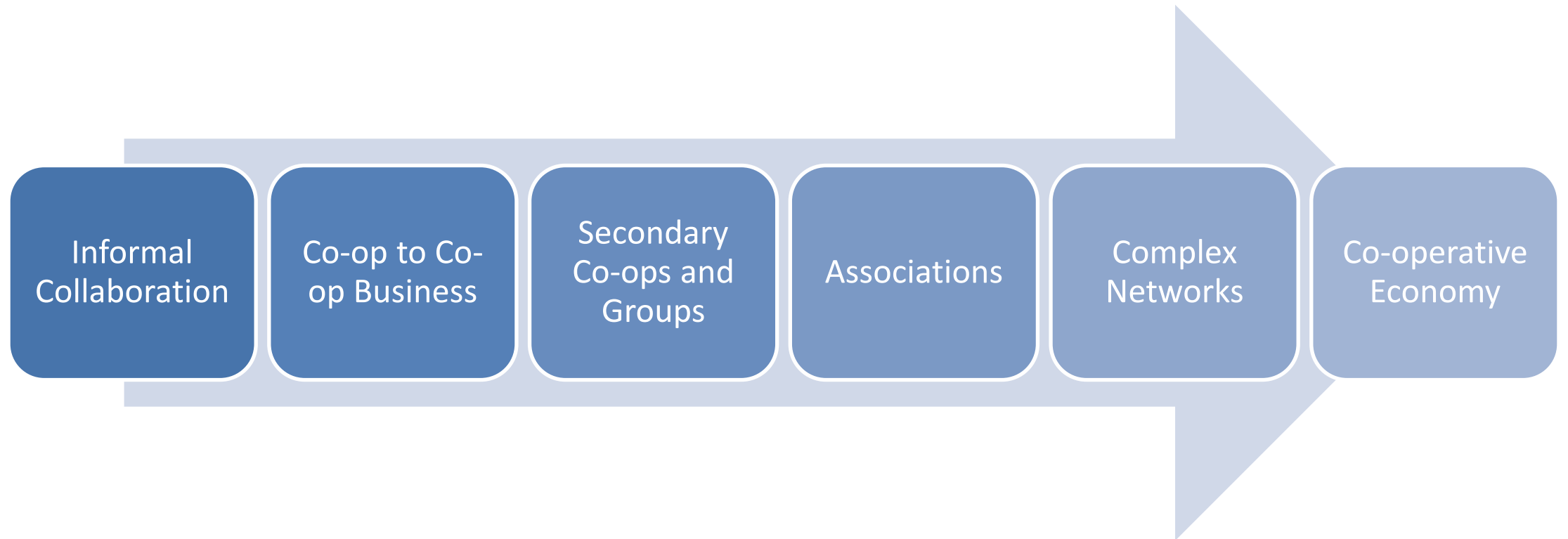
need to access
capital and financing



the need to nurture
co-operation
among co-operatives



Co-operation Among Co-operatives (P6)



Karen Brodeur

Distinguished Co-operator Award

Awarded by Nova Scotia Co-operative Council





Journal - IJCAM

International Journal of Co-operative Accounting
and Management (IJCAM)



A Model for Healthy Democracy in Canadian Housing Cooperatives

Patricia A. Tessier, Master in Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions, Saint Mary's University,
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A woman with dark hair and glasses is smiling and looking to her right. She is wearing a dark, high-collared top. The background is a blurred office setting with wooden panels. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red gradient. In the bottom left corner, the text "Further Learning: Check it out" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**Further Learning:
Check it out**

ELECTIVE:
**CO-OPERATIVE CULTURE
AND LIVING**



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Key Topics: Co-operative identity and values • Organizational culture • Governance structures •
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Building healthy co-operatives

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What sparked for you?



Principle 6 challenge by choice



Questions/reflections

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Reminders

- **Voting in CHF Canada National Business meeting happens on Saturday.** Your co-op's delegate must be there in order to vote. The delegate can pick up a voting device at conference services.
- **All coffee breaks will be held in the tradeshow area!** Make sure you visit all the tradeshow exhibitors so that you can complete the bingo card (found in your bag) and have a chance to win prizes.

