

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023



This communication report is being sent from Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship", first signed with the British Crown in 1725. This treaty did not deal with the surrender of lands, but instead was meant to build a relationship between nations.

Governance

Board of Directors

President - Dean Waterfield

Vice President - Francis Kangata

Treasurer - Tom Webb

Secretary - Katherine McCarron

Director at large - Kelly Goudie

Governance Support Service Contract

At the November Board Meeting, the Board approved adding Marketing & Communication and Engagement services to the CHF Canada Governance Support Services contract.

Annual Plan

The annual plan has been reviewed and updated to support the increase to the Governance Support contract. The plan will be revised as items are completed.

Bylaws

The Co-op Bylaws were updated and presented to the Membership for approval at a Special Resolution Meeting held on November 17, 2023. The updates to the Bylaws included an increase to the number of Board Members and the addition of an option to hold electronic meetings.

Homes Within Reach Campaign

CHF Canada has launched a campaign called *Homes within Reach: Keep Co-op Communities Inclusive*. This campaign is asking the Nova Scotian government to commit to long-term rental assistance programs for low-income households living in co-op and non-profit housing. Without this provincial support, co-op housing could soon be inaccessible to low-income Nova Scotians.

The Board has shown their support by passing a motion to support the resolution. The President has signed and submitted the resolution that endorses the *Homes Within Reach* campaign calling on the Government of Nova Scotia to support low-income households living in co-op housing through a long-term 10-year rental assistance program. The MBCLC Board is committed to working with CHF Canada and other housing allies to achieve these goals.



Our vision is a growing number of non-profit co-operative housing communities that provide secure and healthy homes as a foundation for fulfilling lives



Growth & Development

Expression of Interest

To ensure that the Co-op obtains the necessary information to satisfy grant conditions and determine if the Fire Hall Project is feasible, a Firehall Steering Committee has been formed. Terms of Reference has been created so that the Board and Committee Members are aware of the responsibilities of the Committee.

Nova Scotia Community Growth Fund

The Capacity and Pre-development grant funding deliverables are being monitored and tracked in the annual plan. Final reports will be submitted in the Spring of 2024.

Education & Training

Marketing & Communications

Website

The co-op has created the website mahonebayco-op.ca. The website is currently being reviewed for recommended updates and content.

Marketing Standards

The Board is working on standardized branding to use for all materials, resources and correspondence.

Engagement

Board Handbook

As part of the Membership Engagement Strategy, a Board Handbook has been created. The Handbook is currently in draft and is scheduled to be finalized in February 2024.

Community Engagement Session

A community engagement session was held at the Mahone Bay Centre on November 17, 2023.

Community Engagement Strategy

As part of the capacity building funding obtained the co-op will be creating a community engagement strategy.

Atlantic Summit



Board Member Katherine McCarron attended the CHF Canada Atlantic Summit on October 21st, 2023 in Dartmouth. The event was hybrid and saw Members from the Atlantic provinces join virtually and in person. The event gave opportunities for networking with fellow Co-op Members and workshops.

Our mission is to expand and promote the supply of non-market housing by acquiring and converting land and/or buildings, and by fostering the development of new co-operative housing communities.