

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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Mahone Bay **Community** Land Co-operative

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.

Planning

Board of Directors

Board Members	Current position
Dean Waterfield	Chair
Katherine McCarron	Secretary
Tom Webb	Treasurer
Kelly Goudie	Vice-Chair

Francis Kangata has resigned from the Board. The Board wishes him good luck and thanks him for his service to the Co-operative.

The Board welcomes Kelly Goudie to the Board of Directors.

New Members of the Co-operative

The Board approved three new Members.

Welcome Allison, Madeleine, and Shirley.

If you are interested in becoming a Member of MBCLC please contact the Secretary, Katherine McCarron at kmccarron@gmail.com

Strategic Planning / Annual Planning

The Board extended the current Annual Plan until the end of June to fulfill their grant funding obligations that end in June.

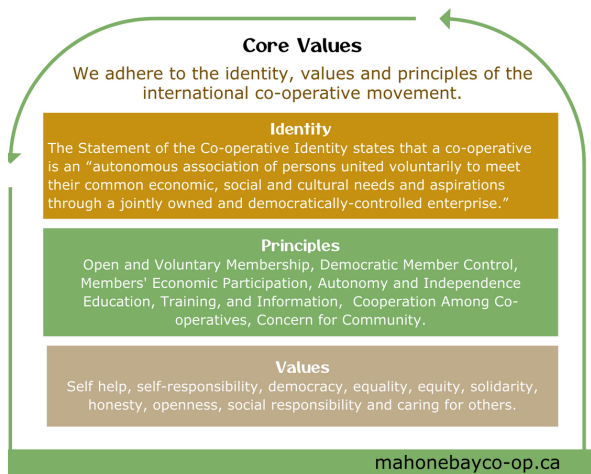
The Board will be participating in an annual planning process starting in May 2024 for the 2024/2025 year.

Marketing & Communications

Marketing & Communication Plan

The Board approved a Marketing & Communications Plan, an information graphic, and a post card to use for promoting the Co-op to partners and community supporters.

Click [here](#) to view the plan.



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.



Advocating together: Expedite the launch of the co-op housing development program Campaign

In April 2022, the Federal government announced the Co-operative Housing Development Program – the first federal investment in co-op housing in 30 years. The co-op housing sector welcomed new investment after years of advocacy and have put forward expert advice during the co-design process.

MBCLC supported CHF Canada's ask for housing co-ops to support the Advocating together: Expedite the launch of the co-op housing development program Campaign by passing and submitting a motion to support the campaign and submit letters to the Minister of Housing and MP's. Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can show your support.



Membership Engagement

Board Handbook

The Board approved a Board Member Orientation Handbook. The Handbook is a resource that provides necessary information for the Board Members.

Community Engagement Strategy

Board representatives provided a presentation in January 2024 to the Town of Mahone Bay Council. In the presentation, the Board shared information about Co-op Housing and details about Mahone Bay Community Land Co-op.

CHF Canada Diversity Scholarship

Applications are now open for the 2024 Diversity Scholarships. Any member (or child of a member) who is a new or returning university or college student and who are actively involved in making positive contributions to their community, may be eligible for a scholarship from CHF Canada.

Learn more about eligibility and the application process [here](#). Applications close **April 30, 2024**.



Community Housing
Transformation Centre
Centre de transformation
du logement communautaire



Growth and Development

Expression of Interest – Firehall Acquisition

The Board approved the Firehall Development Steering Committee Terms of Reference and the Opportunities Steering Committee Terms of Reference. These Committees will report to the Board monthly.

The Board presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Town of Mahone Bay to formalize how they should work together to support the growth of Co-op homes in Mahone Bay.

Nova Scotia Community Housing Growth Fund

MBCLC secured two funding grants from the Nova Scotia Community Housing Growth Fund – administrated by the Community Housing Transformation Centre (CHTC).

The CHTC approved an extension for one of the grants to provide the Co-op with additional time to explore a development opportunity. Solterre Design has completed a feasibility study which includes costing to design twelve units.

CHF Canada has been engaged to support the Co-op with the second grant, that ends in June 2024. The project deliverables for this grant are tracked in the Annual Plan provided for the Board's review monthly.