



# *The Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan News Letter*

*April 2008*

## **Greetings From CHAS**

After the winter weather through January and February it is definitely good to see the season of spring and the fresh growth it brings.

## **CHAS Looses a Board Member**

Larry Pobihushchy our interim Board President from November 2006 to June 2007 passed away March 11<sup>th</sup>. Larry was very interested in CHAS, and promoting what it could do for your co-op. You would have received correspondence from him in that regard.

On behalf of CHAS we extend our sympathy to his wife Frieda and family.

## **CHAS Board Meets**

Our board meeting scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon was cancelled due to poor weather conditions and re-scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held at Rainbow Housing Co-op in Saskatoon. Thanks again for hosting the meeting. We were privileged to have Terri Steen (SHC) attend, and appreciated her input.

Several items for discussion were on the agenda, and reports given on Green and Energy Grants, also on Energy Efficient Appliances. Several of the co-ops are now purchasing energy efficiency appliances as they replace stoves, fridge's, and load efficiency washers.

## **Energy Grants-**

\*PST rebates available on all 'Energy Star' appliances purchased.

## **Energy Efficient Appliances-**

- \*Toilets, with water saving of 6 L.
- \*Install low flow aerators on taps for water reduction.
- \*Front Load washers use less water.
- \*Replace hot water tanks with electronic ignition models.

## **Co-op Cost Cutters**

### **A Buying Program for Co-ops:**

This program offers savings on a wide variety of products used by co-ops, i.e. building maintenance supplies, paint and office supplies. Savings are available in Saskatchewan from Home Depot Supply, ICI paints and Grand and Toy (office supplies).

The 'Cost Cutter' deal is with Home Depot Supply and is not available at Home Depot stores. It is only available through catalogue ordering. Ordering can be done by fax, phone or online. Co-ops get wholesale pricing plus an extra discount and free delivery. There is a no hassle return policy if you buy the wrong product.

Paints - Save 40% when you chose ICI paints, Glidden and Color your World. For more information call Joanna Tiffin at 1-800-387-3767 ext.6224 or e-mail [Joanna\\_tiffin@ici.com](mailto:Joanna_tiffin@ici.com)

The Co-op Cost Cutters Program is co-ordinated by Miriam Wohl at the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto. In order to access the discounts co-ops must be a member of their local federation or a member of CHF Canada. For more information about Cost Cutters contact Miriam Wohl at 416-465-8688 extension 212 or e-mail: [miriam@coophousing.com](mailto:miriam@coophousing.com)

## **Board Reviews Bylaws**

A copy of the present registered bylaws had been received from Saskatchewan Justice, the Board spent considerable time in reviewing and making recommendation for changes as needed. These recommendations will be presented to the delegates attending the CHAS annual meeting.

## **C.H.A.S. ANNUAL MEETING**

This year the AGM will be held at Crestview Housing Co-op 1325 Wolfe Ave, Moose Jaw, On May 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Lunch will be provided.

Each co-op is welcome to send 1 delegate for each 10 units in your housing co-op. Because lunch will be provided it would be appreciated if you could let us know how many from your co-op may be attending. Please e-mail -

Lorraine, at Argyle Park Housing Co-op

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before May 26<sup>th</sup>.

More information regarding this meeting including the agenda, etc. will be forth coming.

## **A MESSAGE FROM CHAS PRESIDENT**

**I want to extend an invitation to all the co-ops to be sure and send some delegates from your co-op to attend the Annual meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**At this meeting there are bylaw changes to be voted on, and we would like all the housing co-ops to be engaged in this.**

**As President, along with the existing Board of Directors, we would like to see at least one member from each housing co-op be willing to be part of the CHAS Board. This will help us in developing our programs and effectiveness.**

**Henry Schellenberg**

*As Editor of the CHAS Newsletter I have chosen to include an excerpt from an article that was in the CHF Newsbriefs that I feel your housing co-op will find interesting.*

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## **Saskatchewan SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING FEDERATION REBORN**

When Henry Schellenberg of Lakewood Manor Co-op went to an annual Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) meeting three years ago, only six people turned up.

CHAS started as a resource group for Saskatchewan co-ops in the 1980's, but over time had only the annual meeting keeping it alive. Henry decided it was time to do something to change that.

The small group brainstormed about how they could revive the association and now Henry is the chair of the reborn CHAS.

**Henry Schellenberg** says-“ I see us working in co-operative effort with both the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association – and I find that very exciting.”

**Pat McClain** Program Manager of CHF Canada says-

“ The whole idea is to strengthen the co-ops in Saskatchewan and one of the ways to do that is to have a strong regional association.

CHF Canada is pleased to provide CHAS with the support they need”

**James Gilliard** CHF Canada's Regional Director for Sask. is excited too, and says “United we are stronger, divided-we can survive, but with some closed doors. CHAS has the opportunity to open those doors, forming partnerships with other provincial interests. Look for a better and brighter future from CHAS”.