



Let's join and work together

*The Co-operative Housing
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Once again “Greetings” from CHAS by way of the News Letter.

Where Has The Last 4 Months Gone ?

It's hard to realize that since our last News Letter we have enjoyed the seasons of Spring and Summer and now Fall is upon us. The time when all housing co-ops get back into routine after vacation time, and to once again take up the challenge that each of our housing co-ops faces in their daily operations.

Some of you may have just finished doing your yearly budget, while others are just beginning, and some will be doing it at a later date. No matter when it is done, it presents some diligent work on behalf of that committee as they seek ways to prepare for 2009.

CHAS Annual Meeting May 2008-

We want to thank Crestview Housing Co-op in Moose Jaw for being hosts for this meeting.

It was very encouraging to have several of our housing co-ops represented and for the interest that they showed through the discussion and other ways of participating to help make the meeting a success.

Hopefully another year, more co-ops will put forth the effort to attend and be part of CHAS developing into an association of service for all our co-ops.

Other provinces have been able to achieve this and with your help in working together, Saskatchewan can accomplish the same success.

Bylaws-

During our AGM, a discussion took place to revise the wording of the existing bylaws. All co-ops present as well as representatives from SHC helped with this process

A motion was passed for our secretary to send the revised bylaws on to Sask. Justice for registration. However they were found to be unacceptable due to wording, so the registered bylaws of 1991 are still considered CHAS bylaws until further notice.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF) Directors Meeting-

For the first time in the history of CHF, their Directors quarterly meeting is being held outside of Ottawa. It will take place in Regina, November 21, and 22, and we are pleased they chose Saskatchewan for this first venture from Ontario.

The CHAS Board of Directors views this as an opportunity to get to know the CHF Board members and to welcome them to Saskatchewan by hosting a reception in their honour the evening of November 21. Watch for more details to arrive at your Co-op with in the next few weeks

Mission Statement and Logo

An amendment was made by the membership at our AGM to the previously drafted Mission Statement. This will be unveiled along with the CHAS Logo on the evening of November 21.

Canada's Federal Election-

We are now in the midst of a Federal Election Campaign, where the time seems to be of the essence in having an opportunity to visit with our individual candidates who are seeking our vote on October 14th.

The CHAS Board would encourage all the housing co-ops if possible to set aside some time before the election, to have a "Meet and Greet" with your Political Candidates This can be done by phoning their constituency offices to arrange a suitable

time. You would then notify your housing co-op members of what was planned, with date and time.

We need to press our candidates on their commitment to housing co-ops and of the need to build more, contribute funding for adding additional units to our existing co-ops, or funds for energy efficient equipment, etc.

CHAS will appreciate your concern in this on behalf of our housing Co-ops.

Co-op Week-

October 13 – 17 is Co-op week, so please mark the date on your housing co-op calendar, and if possible do something to bring awareness and to celebrate the co-op movement among your own members.

We would like to hear about your activity, by sending an e-mail you1952@sasktel.net and it will appear in the next News Letter.

News From Your Co-op-

CHAS would appreciate if would share news about your co-op by submitting that to the editor to be published in the News Letter. The fact that we are housing co-ops makes us somewhat unique in that we are all operating in the same way. We can learn from, and share ideas that are of interest and may be helpful to each housing co-op.

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