



**Let's join and work together**

**CHAS Mission Statement:**

**As one voice we will have a strong positive  
influence while working on collective  
interests that strengthen all  
Saskatchewan Co-operatives**

**Website- <http://www.coophousingsk.ca>**

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**CHAS Board of Directors Meeting:**

The Board of Directors held its meeting on February 26, 2011, at Silverwood Estates Housing Co-op in Moose Jaw, with good representation of board members. Sandra Southam from SHC also attended.

Our thanks to Silverwood Estates for hosting the meeting, and to Myles Shaw for serving a delicious lunch.

This was our first board meeting of 2011, and continue looking ahead to new challenges and opportunities.

One of those challenges is to still find ways of promoting quality, affordable co-op housing to the larger community.

To try and do this the CHAS Board has chosen to focus on an "Event Day" to take place in each of the following cities Saskatoon, Regina and Moose Jaw during the month of June 2011. This will involve the housing co-ops as well.

The purpose for this event is to bring awareness to each of these communities on Co-operative Housing, and also on the Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS)

As the details are worked out, more information will come to your co-op from the organizing committee of each city advising date, time, and location.

**Membership Dues-**

The following is a list of the Housing Co-ops who have paid their 2011 Membership dues which is 12

out of 17-

Argyle Park, Meadowlark, Villa Bonheur

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### **CHAS Vision Statement**

**To have equal representation from all  
Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives  
To provide education to all  
Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives**

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Norwest, Crestview Manor, Rosewood  
Esquire, Silverwood Estates, Lakewood Manor  
Terra Housing, Oxford Manor, Rainbow

Thank you to the co-ops who have co-operated in this. For those housing co-ops who have not done so we ask you to reconsider.

### **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

**This year CHAS - AGM** will be held at NORWEST Housing Co-operative in Regina, on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 to start at 10:00 am.

We hope that all housing co-ops will be represented.

A reminder that each co-op is eligible to send one (1) delegate for every ten (10) units, with one delegate selected to vote on behalf of your co-op.

Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10.00 per person with proceeds going to CHAS.

There are six (6) board positions open for election this year. A nomination committee was selected as follows-

- Henry Schellenberg - for Regina
- Myles Shaw – for Moose Jaw
- Rose Falcner & James Gilliard for Saskatoon.

We are hoping to have some speakers from CHF Canada with us on that day, talking to us on the benefits of membership and their different programs they have to date.

This year is the first year that CHF Canada will have its election for regional director in our own province, so in conjunction with our AGM we will be allowing a meeting within a meeting, this will

be specifically for CHF Canada member co-ops, the others present are invited to listen but, we cannot get involved in their meeting, we are their guests for about 1 hour, I invite all to lend an ear to this process. Remember we are invited to stay, but we do not have a voice, this is for only CHF Canada members.

Here is something that I found out during a presentation from the CCA. Co-operatives business worldwide made 1.1 trillion dollars, which puts co-op business in the top 10 in the world. There are 8500 Canadian co-ops, 17 million members, 150,000 employees, 100,000 volunteer directors, 330 billion in assets. We are a very small part of a very strong sector, we should be proud of what all Co-operatives represent. We are all a part

of a great and proud movement that will last for many more years to come.

James Gilliard  
CHAS President

**CHF Canada**  
**Regional Director**

On March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, when I was in Ottawa a great many items were covered as always, here are a few things that CHF Canada is working on. First is a direct lending program for co-ops who would like to do more renovations to their property, there are still discussions that are taking place to fine tune the program, this would be a program for member co-ops of CHF Canada. This is another benefit of membership to CHF Canada; more details will be coming in the future, when this will happen one only can guess with the potential of a federal election in the spring, discussions of this nature seem to take a bit longer till elections are completed. Secondly CHF Canada is still in the process of coming up with a lobbying plan to convince the federal gov't to continue with RGI subsidies, both of these are on the forefront amongst other issues. CHF Canada want to insure that affordable housing will be available for years to come and for future generations.

CHF Canada's AGM is in St. John's NFL, this will be an exciting time to attend, this year's theme is "Getting Governance Right"; this is a major component to the Vision 2020 program that CHF Canada offers.

For more information check out CHF Canada's website [www.chfcanada.coop/2011agm](http://www.chfcanada.coop/2011agm) new information about the AGM is quickly posted constantly as we get closer to the AGM date. Hope to see some of you there.

On a personal note I am coming to the end of my final term. It has been my honour to represent this province at the National level, the last 6 years has been a growing process for me, when I got involved at the National level I was very quiet and reserved, the longer on the board more vocal I became. Without the support of my family and without the support of you the members of all housing co-ops in Saskatchewan, I would not have gone and been able to do so much. So at this time I would like to say "THANK YOU" to all of you for your support and to my wife Sherry Gilliard and kids Rebecca and Kiefer Schwan "THANK YOU", it is always great to come home to family and friends.

James Gilliard  
Regional Director  
CHF CANADA Board of Directors

**Report from Sandra Southam of Sask. Housing**

- \*As a note of interest Sask. Housing offices are moving mid April to 1920 Broad St. in Regina.
- \*A Reminder that stimulus funding deadlines are coming soon.
- \*SHC spring workshops to be held May 4, 2011 in Saskatoon and May 7, 2011 in Regina.

Topics for the workshop are-

1. Occupational Health & Safety- responsibilities of  
Co-op and staff or hired contractor

2. Bedbugs

3. Office of Residential Tenancies- help Co-ops  
learn to mediate with difficult members.

The \$34,000,000 reported in the press has already been distributed through the stimulus funding and therefore is not additional money available.

**CONCERN-** Some housing co-ops are still suggesting to us they are having difficulty in the area of new members not comprehending what it means to live in a housing co-op.

If your co-op has a solution for this it would be appreciated if you could share that so we can include it in our News Letter.

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