



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>

CHAS Annual General Meeting-

This was held at Norwest Place Co-op Housing in Regina on May 7, 2011.

Several housing co-ops sent delegates, which was appreciated.

We also heard reports given by the following-

Andre Perras, from the Co-operators, has been a member of the Board for the past nine years. He talked about ways to partner with CHAS and of the challenging and costly time it was for them in 2010 due to storms that struck our province and the cost to the industry as a whole was approximately \$100,000,000.

Don Mitchell from Moose Jaw city council has a historical interest in co-operatives as a promoter for student co-op housing in the 1960's.

He believes that CHAS needs to focus community interest in co-op housing and push for legislative changes to help co-ops.

He sees a refocus on co-op housing as a viable solution to the lack of affordable housing in our cities, and has been instrumental as board member of the Moose Jaw Housing Advisory Committee to have Lynn Hannely from Alberta give a presentation in Moose Jaw on Co-op Housing developments in that province and the possibilities of more projects here. This is on June 23rd 9:00 am -11:30 am.

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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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Miriam Trotcha from CHF Canada, gave a presentation on some of the benefits of co-ops belonging to CHF Canada..

CHF Priorities for 2011-

Good Governance-
Housing Policy
Aging in Place-
Scale in the Sector-

She reported that seven Saskatchewan housing co-ops are now members, and encourages other housing co-ops to consider.

The latest housing co-op to become a member was Esquire Housing Co-op in Moose Jaw.

Fred Konje, the Co-operative Development Officer for Saskatchewan Co-operative Association; talked about what SCA is about, and what Member Services that it provides.

He was interested to hear ways that SCA can help and support CHAS.

Henry Schellenberg- presented a 30 minute Power Point presentation that he has recently put together for the purpose of using the modern programs, and techniques available to us today as a way of promoting Co-op housing.

It includes such topics as -

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History of Co-ops
CHAS formed July 21, 1981
What is a Co-op
How are Co-ops different
Why members join
Saskatchewan Co-ops

Benefits of Co-op Housing

CHAS Board of directors-

At the AGM six people were elected for a two year term, while three were elected for one year to fill in for resignations received.

The following are the names of the twelve Board Members from May 2011 to May 2012.

Henry Schellenberg- Regina
Verla Erlendson -- Regina
Rose Falconer – Moose jaw
James Gilliard - Saskatoon
Bob McKenty- Moose Jaw
Bruce Lotts- Regina
Lorna Fries- Regina
Tayah Hanson- Regina
Shelly Moerike- Saskatoon
Natasha Sutherland- Regina
Kathleen Thomson- Moose Jaw
Joan VanBrek- Regina

The Executive elected by the Board members are-

President- James Gilliard
Vice President- Bruce Lotts
Secretary- Tayah Hanson
Treasurer- Lorraine Schindel

Congratulations-

To Myles Shaw from Silverwood Estates Co-op in Moose Jaw for being elected a Regional Director on the Board of Directors for CHF Canada at their AGM in St. John's NFL the last weekend in May.

Myles will represent Saskatchewan by serving the Sask. housing co-ops and CHAS to the best of his ability.

So on behalf of the CHAS Board of Directors, and all the housing co-ops in Saskatchewan, we want to congratulate Myles and wish him well during his term in office.

Event/ Promotion Day-

As mentioned in the last News letter, Co-op Housing, and the CHAS Board has chosen to focus on an "Event / Promotion 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 participation of housing co-ops in these cities to make it a success.

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)

The dates will be-

Moose Jaw- June 4th

Saskatoon- June 18th

Regina- June 25th

(A note from the editor-Since Moose Jaw has already held theirs it was reported to be a success in bringing awareness to the community on co-op housing with all four housing co-ops in the city working together to make it possible.. We hope the housing co-ops in Regina and Saskatoon have the same success that comes from working together co-operatively. Perhaps there will be reports in the next issue.)

Up-date on CHAS Membership Dues-

The Board can report that 13 out of the 17 Saskatchewan housing co-ops have paid their \$10.00 membership fee. Certificates were given out at the AGM to those co-ops who were present.

Those not attending your certificate will be mailed to you.

Another Reminder- our Website- <http://www.coophousingsk.ca> is still in need of individual housing co-op information. Please consider sending yours to our web-master, Bruce Lotts e-mail ablotts_abl@sasktel.net or - chas1985@accesscomm.ca

On Behalf of the CHAS Board we hope all housing co-op members will have a wonderful summer.

The Editor