

***This communication report is being sent from the City of Saint John/Menaquesk which is situated in the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik/Maliseet. The Wolastoqiyik/Maliseet along with their indigenous neighbours, the Mi'Kmaq/Mi'kmaw and Passamaquoddy/Peskotomuhkati signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s that protected their rights to lands and resources.***



## Current Neighbourhoods

Community	# Units
City Centre	37
Heatherway	4
High Meadow Park	20
Jenny's Spring	33
Lower Cove	6
Neighbourhood	28
North End Family	36
South City	36
Wright Street	57
Total Units	292

### Vacancies

Currently there are three vacancies. Both have member referrals and require some maintenance.

### Membership

USJ welcomed 6 new members into the co-op. 1 member joined the Jenny's Spring community and 5 members joined the Wright Street community (3 units). Welcome Nancy "LeeAnn", William, Byamungu, Bora, Rmah and Hoch.

## Governance

### Annual Planning

The Board took part in an Annual Planning Session in January 2023. The Annual Plan document will be updated monthly and supplied to the Board as a supplementary report in the monthly Board package. As the co-operative did not have a current annual plan, this plan will cover the time from March 1, 2023 until the next fiscal year end, June 30, 2024.

The Board will present the budget that supports this plan to the general membership at the next general members meeting.

The 2023-2024 annual goals are:

1. Increase education and training for Board Members by completing 2 projects and creating 1 new resource
2. Increase membership engagement and participation by completing 2 membership projects
3. Increase community engagement by creating a public website and 2 communication resources

## Engagement

### Community Housing Transformation Tenant Initiative funding

The Regional Program Manager from the CHTC believes that strategic planning can be considered an eligible expense under their Local Funding stream and have encouraged USJ to complete an application to apply for the funding. A formal application has been started and should be completed and submitted in the upcoming weeks.

## Education & Training

### CHF Canada AGM

CHF Canada's Annual General Meeting is being held in Ottawa from June 15-17. The AGM and regional events provide an opportunity for members to attend workshops and network with their peers. This year's event is focused on the sector vision of Co-op Housing for All.

USJ will have three Board Members attend the AGM and plan to co-host a tradeshow table with The Range Housing Co-operative Limited, a newly formed co-op working on an acquisition of property and land in Saint John and Compass Nova Scotia Co-operative Homes Ltd. These co-ops also have a growth agenda and are receiving governance support services through CHF Canada. This will provide the opportunity for other co-ops across the country to learn more about Unified Saint John

## Media and Communication

### Website

One of the first goals of the Annual Plan is to create a website. The website work is currently being tendered. The website will include a board member and membership login section where members can find governing documents, past meeting minutes and resources.

Board Member	Community	Current Position
Lynn LaPierre	City Centre	Director
Lynn Wood	Heatherway	Vice President
Mireille Basque	High Meadow	Director
Kimberly Fawkes	Jenny's Spring	Director
Clarence Miller	Lower Cove	Director
Mary Queen	Neighbourhood	Treasurer
Guy Wilcox	North End Family	Director
Emmanuelle Proud-Thomson	South City	President
Dolores Durr	Wright Street	Secretary

# COMMUNITY BOARD

Information for Members



## Did you know?

**Neighbourhood Housing Co-op was the first continuing housing coop to be established in Saint John. The founding meeting was held in May 1981.**



### Personal content and liability insurance

All co-op members are required to have insurance for their personal contents. The insurance is to protect yourself and the contents of your home from the unexpected. Since USJ is a member of CHF Canada, all co-op members are eligible for [MemberGuard](#) at a better rate. MemberGuard provides liability insurance and covers the full replacement value of everything you own. Call Co-operators today to find out more and get a free, no-obligation quote, at 1-888-312-1118.

### Communications

Housing Alternatives would like to gather emails and phone numbers. If you have not already provided your email, please send it to [office@housingalternatives.ca](mailto:office@housingalternatives.ca). Housing Alternatives also has the ability to send out text alerts to the members if there is important information that needs to be shared quickly (i.e. major storm). If you would like to be included on the text alert please send your cell phone number as well. If you are on the list and want to be removed please reply with stop.

### Canada Revenue information

To find out if you are eligible or find a free tax clinic near you, go to [canada.ca/taxes-help](http://canada.ca/taxes-help) or call 1-855-516-4405.

### [Canada Revenue Modest Income: Factsheet](#)

### [Canada Dental Benefit resources](#)