

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	36
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

Vacancies

There are currently 5 vacancies. One is awaiting an insurance claim and the other 4 are in the process of being turned over.

Membership

Welcome Ahmad, Awadiya, Brian C, Brian F, Cole, Fatima, Izetta, Katherine, Natalie, Pamela, and Reham

Governance

Annual Planning

The Board continues to focus on the Co-op's annual goals. The current annual plan covers the time from March 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

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.

Member Engagement

Community Housing Transformation Tenant Initiative

An application on behalf of USJ has been submitted to the Community Housing Transformation Tenant Initiative for funding and is currently being reviewed. This grant would cover strategic planning sessions as well as some community engagement.

Co-op Week

Co-op Week will take place from October 15 to 21, 2023. Co-op week events are hosted in communities across the country and help raise the visibility of Co-operative organizations, while improving understanding and awareness of the Co-operative business model. It is also time to celebrate and highlight the accomplishments and contributions of Co-operatives and Credit Unions.

Media and Communication

Website

The USJ website is now live! The new website will allow stakeholders to learn more about Unified Saint John and Members will be able to access resources and information about what is going on in the Co-op.

Please let us know if there is any information you would like to see on the website. A Membership login will be available with resources in the upcoming months!



Visit UnifiedSaintJohnHousing.coop to check out the new website!

Education & Training

CHF Canada Atlantic Summit

CHF Canada will be hosting an Atlantic Summit on October 21, 2023, in Dartmouth, NS. There will be opportunities for networking with fellow Co-op Members in Atlantic Canada and workshops. USJ has approved four Board Members to attend this event.

USJ plans to host a shared tradeshow booth at the event where they will provide a small giveaway and information about USJ to fellow Co-op members.



 **Saturday, October 21 • 9:00 am–3:00 pm**
Best Western Plus Dartmouth Hotel, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth

NEW **NEW THIS YEAR! Hybrid event:** Join us in person or online! [REGISTER NOW!](#) 

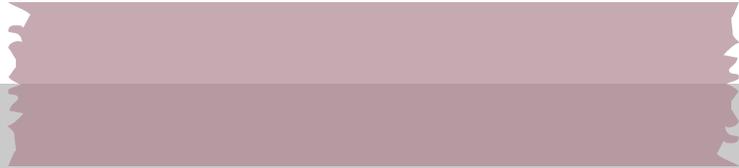
Education Agreement

When Members attend education events and conferences on behalf of the Co-op, they are asked to complete an Education Agreement. The Agreement was created to outline requirements for workshop attendance, trade show booth and meeting attendance.



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COMMUNITY BOARD



Welcome Committee

In the last quarterly communication, a request for volunteers to serve on a new Welcome Committee was announced. A follow up letter will be sent to all Members of the Co-op with a deadline to apply. After the date has expired Committee meetings can be organized for the group to start working towards the structure, establish a meeting schedule and to create the orientation process for Board Member approval. Please email office@housingalternatives.ca if you are interested in joining.

Dental Benefits

The Canada Dental Benefit is available for children under 12 in families who have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000 and who do not have access to private dental insurance. It allows eligible families to receive upfront, direct payments up to \$650 per child, per benefit period, for oral health services. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Winter Maintenance

Just a friendly reminder to be prepared to salt and shovel steps where needed and if you are able – lend a hand to your neighbours. Salt bins should be available at each location prior to the first snow fall

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for October 24, 2024. At the AGM the following communities will have opening for Board of Director positions:

- Lower Cove Community
- Wright Street Community
- Heatherway Community
- Neighbourhood Community
- Highmeadow Park Community

Please review your Annual General Meeting package and contact office@housingalternatives.ca if you have any questions.

Garbage Pick-up

Please ensure that your personal garbage and recycling gets put out regularly as we are seeing an increase in rodent activity. Members can contact the City for extra tags and/or recycling bins as required.