

*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

At the end of December there were 6 vacant units within the co-operative.

### Membership

The Board welcomes new members, Lamis, Zakaria, Tina and James to the co-operative.

## Governance

### Annual Planning

The annual planning process to support the 2024/25 fiscal year will be starting in December with formal sessions scheduled for January and February. The plan will be ready for Board approval in March and General Membership approval in April 2024.

### Board of Directors



The Board welcomed two new directors, Sarah Johnston, Heatherway Community and Laura Sproul, Highmeadow Park Community.

Unified Saint John still has three vacant Board of Director positions. The Communities that the Board is looking to fill are Lower Cove, Wright Street.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Board Member, please contact the office at [office@housingalternatives.ca](mailto:office@housingalternatives.ca).

## Member Engagement

### Community Housing Transformation Tenant Initiative

USJ was successful in obtaining a funding grant from the Community Housing Transformation Centre (CHTC) to complete a Strategic Plan which includes consultation and feedback with the General Membership. This process will be completed in 2024.



Community Housing  
Transformation Centre  
Centre de transformation  
du logement communautaire

### Welcome Committee

Due to the lack of Member interest in forming a new Welcome Committee, the Board has shifted this initiative to create a process where Housing Alternatives will welcome new Members into the Co-op. This process will include a welcome gift and if a Board Member is available, they will attend the welcome meeting with the new Member.

### Holiday Gift

Each household received a holiday gift from the Board of Directors which included a card and a Peace by Chocolate bar.



## Education & Training

### CHF Canada Atlantic Summit

Four Board Members attended the CHF Canada Atlantic Summit on October 21, 2023, in Dartmouth, NS. Where they enjoyed networking with fellow Co-op Members in Atlantic Canada and attending workshops. USJ also hosted a tradeshow table.



### Education Process

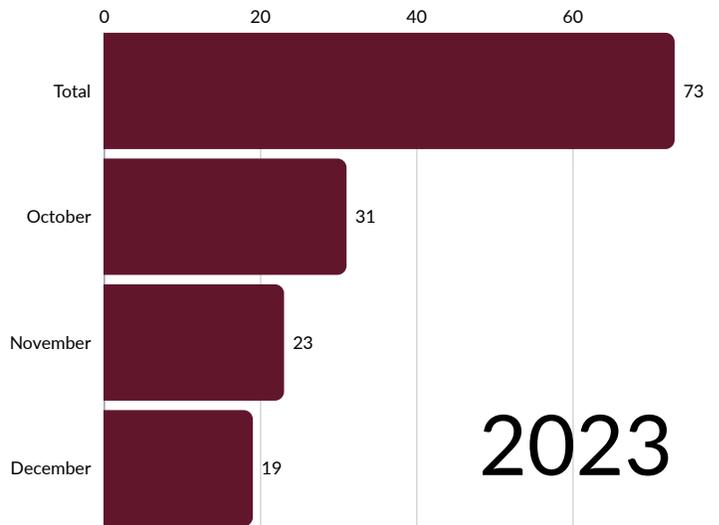
To continue to strengthen the knowledge base of the co-op, the Board has approved a new education planning process. The Board agreed to budget to send 3 Members to the CHF Canada AGM, 6 Members to the CHF Canada Regional Education Event and 3 Members to the New Brunswick Non-profit Housing Association conference each year.

## Media and Communication

### Website

The USJ website [unifiedsaintjohnhousing.coop](https://unifiedsaintjohnhousing.coop) 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!



Most of the traffic to the website came from an organic search with most people interested in the Home Page.

# COMMUNITY BOARD

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

## [Annual General Meeting](#)

Thank you everyone that came to the annual general meeting. All members in attendance were entered to WIN one of two Tim Hortons gift card. Congratulations to the gift card winners.

## [Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick \(CMHA of NB\)](#)

The CMHA Saint John will be hosting winter/spring education programs in addition to their regular offerings. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## [Donation](#)

A donation of \$500 was made to the Nick Nicolle Community Center in support of their pajama program.

