

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



Co-op Information

Community	# Units
City Centre	37
Heatherway	40
High Meadow Park	20
Jenny's Spring	33
Lower Cove	6
Neighbourhood	28
North End Family	37
South City	36
Wright Street	57
Total Units	294

Vacancies

At the end of September 2024, there were nine (9) vacant units within the co-operative.

Four (4) were filled on October 1st, three (3) on November 1st, the final two are dependent on renovations and repairs.

Planning

Annual Planning

The 2024/25 Annual Plan plan is from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The Board has identified two policies to create and update: a new Harassment & Discrimination Policy and a review of the Pet Policy, as a focus over the next year.

The full Plan is available for review on the Member login section of the [website](#) and in the Membership Handbook.



Board

The Board is looking forward to welcoming new directors, elected by the Members, at the AGM in October.

The Co-operative will follow this practice to fill the Board of Director positions:

1. At the Annual General Meeting, any open Board positions will be available for nomination by members of the identified community who meet the criteria of serving on the Board. Following the election by the general membership, they will serve on the Board for a 3-year term.
2. If the specific community has no member nomination, the position will then be open for nomination from the closest community group. Following the election by the general membership, they will serve on the Board for a 3-year term.

Community Groups:

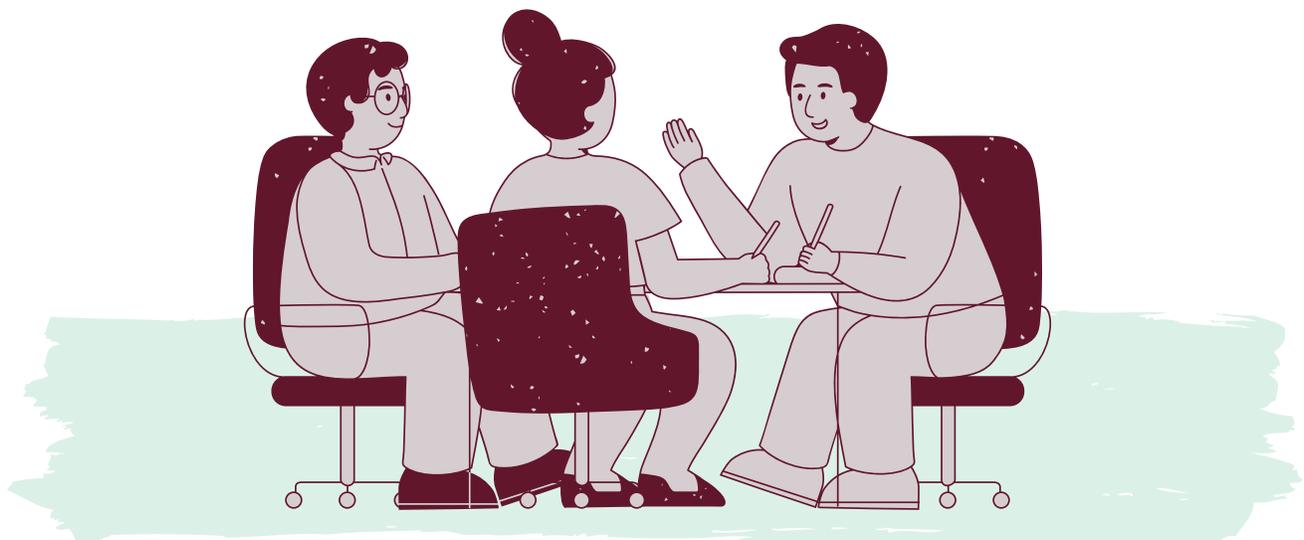
- *City Center, Lower Cove, and South City*
- *Heatherway and Highmeadow*
- *Jenny's Spring, Neighbourhood, North End Family and Wright Street*

3. If the expanded community group does not yield any nominations – the position will be open to any member from the co-operative. Following the election by the general membership, they will serve on the Board for a 1-year term.

Community positions available for election at the 2024 Annual General Meeting:

- *City Centre Community*
- *Lower Cove Community*
- *Neighbourhood Community*
- *South City Community*
- *Wright Street Community*

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a board member (director), please contact Housing Alternatives at office@housingalternatives.ca.



CHF Canada Atlantic Summit

CHF Canada will be hosting the Atlantic Summit on October 19, 2024, in Dartmouth, NS. There will be opportunities for networking with fellow Co-op Members in Atlantic Canada and workshops. USJ has approved five 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.

Policy & Procedures

CHF Canada is currently drafting a USJ Board Handbook. The handbook is a resource designed to help prepare directors for their roles. The resource will serve several functions and will provide a general overview of information directors need to know to understand USJ, its purpose, what is expected from them, and will include links to useful tools, resources, and templates.



Don't miss this year's Atlantic Summit! Registration is now open.



Saturday, October 19, 2024

Best Western Dartmouth, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth, NS
Hybrid event: Join us in person or online!



Member Engagement

Community Housing Transformation Tenant Initiative funding

USJ obtained a funding grant from the Community Housing Transformation Centre (CHTC) to complete a strategic plan. Over the last few months, USJ members have worked together to develop this strategic plan which includes a vision, mission and core values and may receive a new Co-op logo. Members had the opportunity to contribute their thoughts about what USJ is, what they wanted for the future, and helped determine the direction with a formal 3-year plan.

The final strategic plan is being shared at the Annual General Meeting on **October 22nd**.



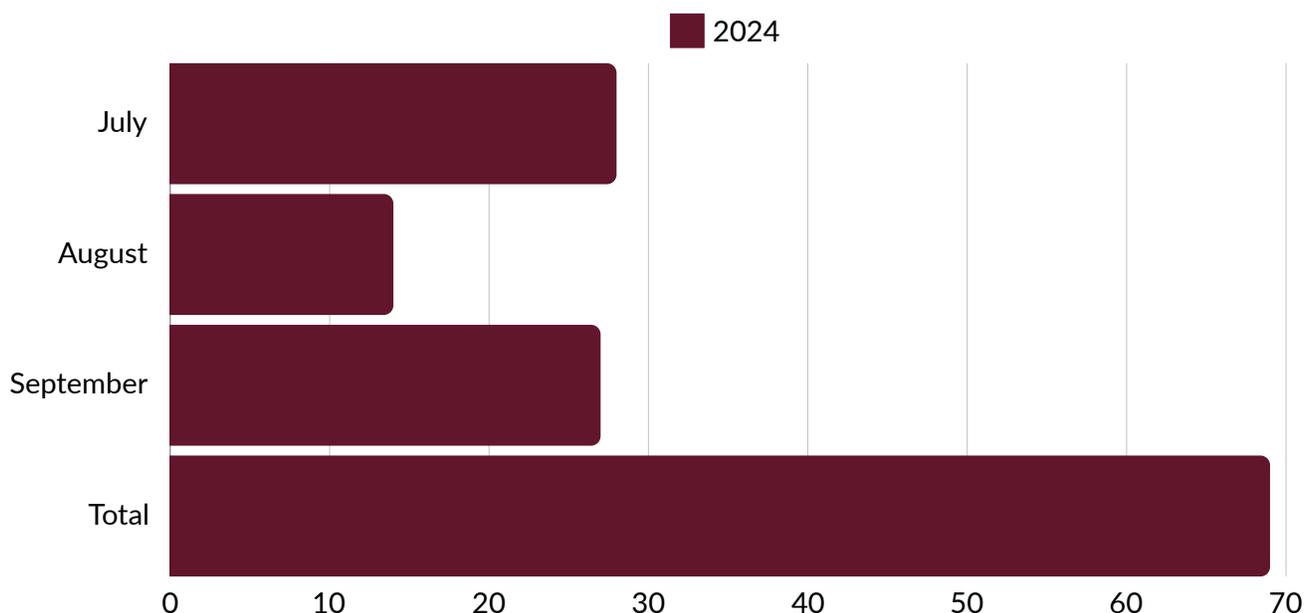
Community Housing
Transformation Centre
Centre de transformation
du logement communautaire

Marketing and Communication

Website

The USJ website unifiedsaintjohnhousing.coop has a password protected area to access information and resources for Board Members and General Members. If you are unsure of the login credentials, please contact Catherine at catherine.belliveau@housingalternatives.ca

The pages that were visited the most were the home page and the login. The portals were visited 116 times.



New Brunswick Election

CHF Canada and NBNPHA recommendations for the New Brunswick election

Over 1,000 households in New Brunswick have a safe, inclusive, and affordable home because they live in a housing co-op. Co-op housing is a key solution to New Brunswick's housing crisis.

Ahead of the provincial election on October 21, CHF Canada, and the New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association (NBNPHA) have put together the following recommendations for the next provincial government:

1. Double the number of co-op and non-profit homes in New Brunswick by providing dedicated funding.
2. Support the purchase and conversion of private rental housing to co-op housing, by creating a Community Housing Acquisition Fund
3. Encourage the development of housing co-ops and non-profit housing by providing an HST rebate on construction costs

COMMUNITY BOARD

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place **Tuesday, October 22, 2024**, at Nick Nicolle Community Center -85 Durham Street.

As a member of USJ, it is your right to:

- Elect a board of directors made up of people who live in your co-op.
- Run for the board of directors yourself, representing one of the following communities on the board: City Centre, Lower Cove, Neighbourhood, South City, and Wright Street Communities.
- Receive audited financial statements that show how the co-op spent your money.

The AGM meeting package will be distributed by Housing Alternatives and will be available for review on the Member login section of the [website](#).

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please contact Housing Alternatives at office@housingalternatives.ca. If the AGM is postponed, **October 29th** has been set aside as an alternative date and will be cancelled if not required.

What's Up Saint John - Menahqesk Powwow 2024

The first ever Menahqesk Powwow is coming to TD Station October 26 & 27, 2024! Everyone is welcome - bring your family and friends for a weekend of celebration, culture, and community. This traditional Wabanaki Powwow will feature renowned Indigenous singers and dancers, a vendor market, traditional food, and more. Check the official Powwow page often for updates and more information as it's released!

Did you know?

The Wolastoq (St. John River system) is the second largest on North America's Atlantic coastline and extends from the northwest point of the province to the southern coast, where it empties into the Bay of Fundy at Saint John.

Co-op Week

Co-op Week will take place from October 13 to 19, 2024. 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 model.

