



*This communication report is being sent from the City of Saint John/Menagusk 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
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>294</b>

#### Vacancies

At the end of 2024, there were three (3) vacant units within the co-operative.

One 3-unit building requires extensive renovation due to water damage. Housing Alternatives is working with the members affected to relocate them during the renovation process.

#### Membership

USJ welcomed seven (7) new members into the co-op community. Welcome Ashraf, Carrie, Herbert, Laura, Mindy, Wanda, and Yesamin.

## Planning

### Annual Planning

The Board continues to work on the 2024/25 annual plan that covers July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

CHF Canada is developing a Membership Engagement Strategy. To kick-off the process CHF Canada met with USJ's membership engagement initiative team leads to incorporate suggestions into the new Member Engagement Strategy.

### Board

There were five director positions available for election at the Annual General Meeting held in October.

The following directors were acclaimed for a 3-year terms:

- Lynn Lapierre, City Centre
- Emmanuelle Proud Thomson, South City
- Lisa Morris, City Centre representing Lower Cove.

The Board appointed Karla Rodriguez, Neighbourhood Community, to the Board.

### Unified Saint John Housing Co-operative 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Board Members	Community	Position
Lynn LaPierre	City Centre	Secretary
Sarah Johnston	Heatherway	Director
Laura Sproul	Highmeadow Park	Treasurer
Kimberly Fawkes	Jenny's Spring	Director
Lisa Morris	Lower Cove	Director
Karla Rodriguez	Neighbourhood	Director
Guy Wilcox	North End Family	Vice President
Emmanuelle Proud-Thomson	South City	President
Vacant	Wright Street	Director

### CHF Canada Atlantic Summit

The CHF Canada, Atlantic Summit, took place on October 19, 2024, in Dartmouth, NS. Emmanuelle Proud-Thomson, Kimberly Fawkes, Guy Wilcox, Laura Sproul, and Lynn Lapierre all attended in person. USJ shared a tradeshow table with The Range Housing Co-op and distributed keychains to the participants.



### Policy & Procedures

A draft USJ Board Handbook was presented to the Board in November, Directors were asked for feedback prior to final approval in January 2025. The handbook is a resource designed provide a general overview of information that directors need to help prepare them for their role on the Board.

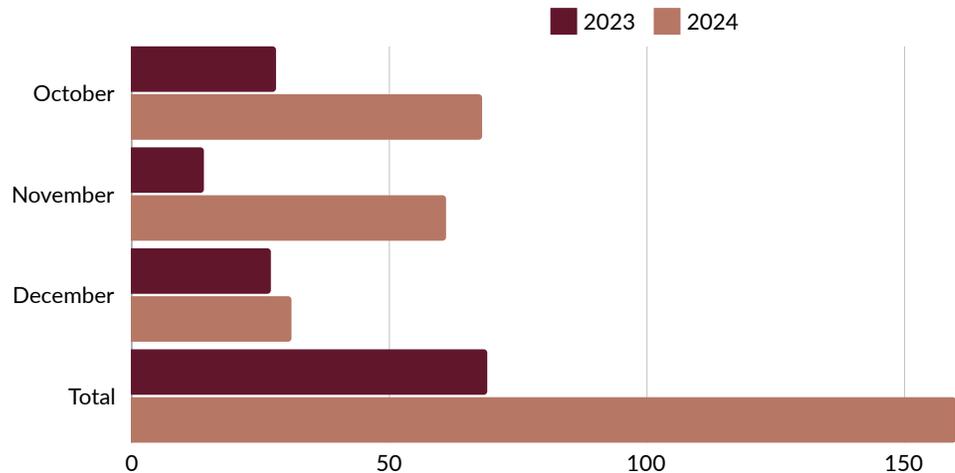


## Marketing and Communication

### Website

The USJ website [unifiedsaintjohnhousing.coop](https://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 Housing Alternatives at [office@housingalternatives.ca](mailto:office@housingalternatives.ca)

Website numbers are steadily increasing as the website gets better known. The website traffic creased by 132% with a total of 160 vistors this year compared to 69 visited last year. The pages that were visited the most were the home page and the login.



## Member Engagement

### Community Housing Transformation Tenant Initiative funding

Unified Saint John received funding through the Community Housing Transformation Center to undergo a Strategic Planning Project.



Community Housing Transformation Centre  
Centre de transformation du logement communautaire

A formal 3-year strategic plan was established with a new Mission, Vision and Core Values and Strategic Priorities were identified. A new logo was also revealed.

### **Mission:**

Our **mission** is to create sustainable affordable housing solutions that ensure safety, respect, and community engagement for all residents.

### **Vision:**

Our **vision** is to provide affordable quality housing by ensuring sustainability and development.

### **Values:**

Our Core Values are **Community Safety and Security, Inclusiveness, Member Involvement**

### **Strategic Priorities:**

**Growth:** Building and sustaining more units

**Training & Education:** Strengthening member knowledge

**Operations:** Maintaining future viability

**Administration:** Enhancing organizational effectiveness



**Unified Saint John  
Housing Co-op**

# COMMUNITY BOARD

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place October 29, 2024, at Nick Nicolle Community Center.

At the meeting, the 2023-2024 audited financial statements were approved and Jamieson Mullin Chartered Professional Accountants were appointed for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The AGM had been originally scheduled for October 22 but was unable to proceed due to lack of quorum. A gentle reminder that it is the member's right and responsibility to attend meetings that are held twice a year – April and October.



## Winter Maintenance

Just a friendly reminder to be prepared to take salt and shovel steps where needed and if you are able – lend a hand to your neighbours.

Salt bins or bags of salt are at each building. If you require additional salt, please reach out to Housing Alternatives at (506) 632-9393 .

## 221 NB

211 is the information and referral service that connects New Brunswickers to critical human, social, community and government support. It helps people navigate the complex network of government and community programs and services quickly to find what they need for their unique situation. It is 100% free and confidential.

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## Did you know?

The famous Reversing Falls Rapids are a phenomenon and a spectacle to behold; 100 billion tons of water collide with the Saint John River at high tide, causing it to flow backward twice daily.