



*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
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>294</b>

### Vacancies

At the end of September 2025, there were six (6) vacant units in our 294-unit co-operative. Five (5) subsidized units and one (1) available at the market housing charge.

### Membership

We welcomed five (5) new members into the co-op community. Welcome Crystal, Chris, Harold, Jarren and Tanya.



## Planning

### Annual Planning

Your Board of Directors have been actively working on several initiatives to strengthen the co-operative and enhance member engagement. Since July, we have launched the 2025/2026 Annual Plan, which aligns with our fiscal year and guides our monthly priorities. The full Plan is available for review on the Member login section of the website.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting took place **Tuesday, October 21, 2025**, at the Nick Nicolle Community Center - 85 Durham Street.

Your rights as a USJ member include:

- Electing 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: Jenny Springs, Neighbourhood, North End Family, and Wright Street Communities.
- Receive audited financial statements that show how the co-op spent your money.

The AGM meeting package was distributed by Housing Alternatives and will continue to be available for review on the Member login section of the website. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Housing Alternatives at [office@housingalternatives.ca](mailto:office@housingalternatives.ca).



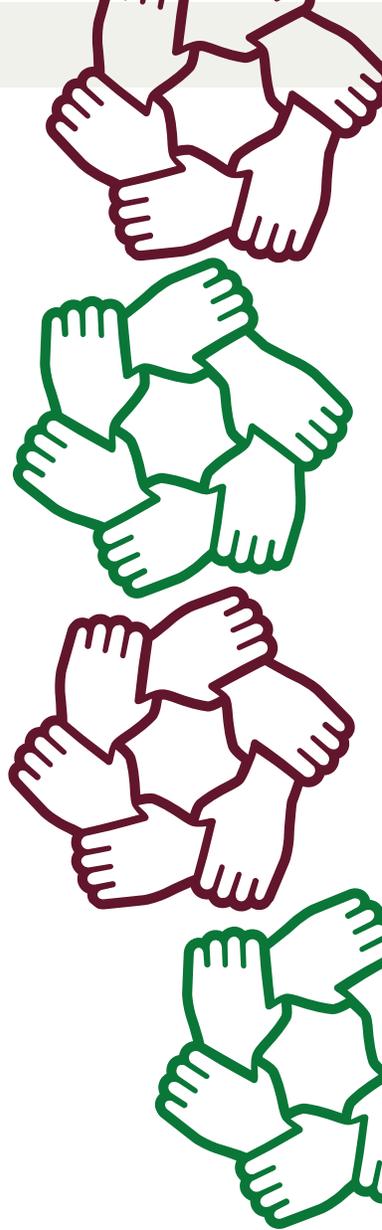
### Atlantic Summit

CHF Canada hosted the Atlantic Summit on October 25, 2025, in Dartmouth, NS. It was a great opportunity for networking and learning alongside fellow co-op members from across Atlantic Canada.

USJ excitedly took part, with six Directors approved to attend. We co-hosted a tradeshow booth at the Summit, where we offered a small giveaway and shared information about our co-op with other attendees. It was a chance to highlight USJ and connect with the broader co-operative community in the Atlantic region.

### Risk Management Program

The Board of Directors at USJ has officially signed on to CHF Canada's Risk Management Program, an important step in keeping our co-op community safe, informed, and proactive. This program helps identify and prevent common risks like fire, flood, and injuries, which can lead to costly insurance claims and disruptions for members. By participating, USJ is committing to an annual risk management plan and member education to reduce hazards and protect our homes. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved and help keep our co-op safe!



### Building Condition Assessments

To support long-term planning and maintenance, USJ has retained Housing Alternatives to complete a Building Condition Assessment (BCA), with inspections beginning this fall. The BCA is a vital tool that helps us understand the current state of our buildings, identify necessary repairs, and plan for future upgrades and replacements. It also provides a financial forecast to guide budgeting over the next 30 years. This initiative ensures we continue to care for our co-op's most valuable asset, our homes, while keeping members informed and prepared.



## Member Engagement

<b>2025-2026 Board of Directors</b>		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Position</b>
City Centre	Lynn LaPierre	Vice-President
Heatherway	Sarah Johnston	Director
Highmeadow Park	Laura Sproul	Treasurer
Lower Cove	Lisa Morris	Director
Neighbourhood	Karla Rodriguez Moran	Director
North End Family	Guy Wilcox	Secretary
South City	Emmanuelle Proud-Thomson	President
Wright Street	Gail Snow	Director



### Member Engagement Strategy

At USJ, we are committed to building a strong, inclusive co-operative where every member feels valued and heard. We continue to focus on strengthening relationships, improving retention, and creating meaningful value for both members and the co-op. To support this, the Board has adopted a new Member Engagement Strategy, now available on both the Member and Board portals on the website

### Member Survey

To support our annual goal of strengthening member education, USJ has launched a Member Engagement Survey. The survey includes sections on general feedback, communication, engagement, and education. Your input will help shape future training and support programs that reflect the needs and interests of our community. This is your opportunity to share your voice! [Click here to start the survey](#) and have the opportunity to win a \$100 gift card.



## International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build a Better World

### Co-op Week

2025 is a milestone year for the co-operative sector, as it marks the International Year of the Co-op.

To celebrate, Co-op Week took place from October 12 to 18, with events happening in communities across the country. These celebrations highlight the impact of co-operatives and help raise awareness about the co-operative model.

### Saint John Pride 2025

This year, Unified Saint John Housing Co-operative (USJ) was proud to sponsor and walk in the Saint John Pride 2025 Parade, a vibrant celebration of love, identity, and community.

Supporting Pride reflects our commitment to creating safe, inclusive spaces where everyone feels empowered to be themselves. Walking alongside fellow members, allies, and advocates was a powerful reminder of the strength and unity within our co-op.

### Culture Fest 2025

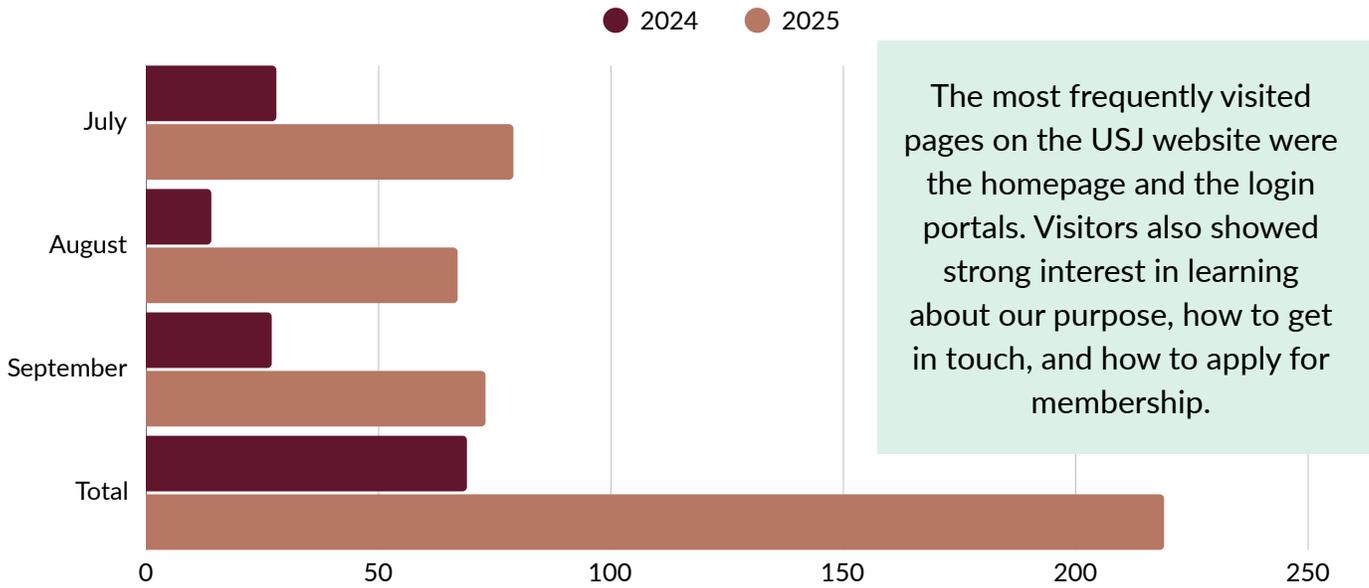
As part of our commitment to increasing visibility in the broader community, USJ proudly hosted a booth at the 7th International Culturefest on August 2-3, 2025, in Uptown Saint John. The event allowed us to highlight the unique aspects of co-operative housing and share the values that define our co-op.



## Marketing and Communication

### Website

Our website, [unifiedsaintjohnhousing.coop](http://unifiedsaintjohnhousing.coop), includes a password-protected area for members. If you need login help, contact Housing Alternatives at [office@housingalternatives.ca](mailto:office@housingalternatives.ca).



The most frequently visited pages on the USJ website were the homepage and the login portals. Visitors also showed strong interest in learning about our purpose, how to get in touch, and how to apply for membership.

### 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