

Southern Alberta Co-operative Housing Association eNews



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National Housing Co-Investment Fund: UPDATE

On May 2nd, 2018, CMHC hosted a national conference call, moderated by Charles MacArthur, Senior Vice-President, of CMH, to announce the Co-Investment Fund part of the National Housing Strategy. One hundred and fifty callers representing different housing agencies from across Canada participated in the call and SACHA was on the line. Here is what we learned.

With the National Housing Strategy, the government is re-establishing the Federal leadership role in housing. The Co-investment Fund will work in partnership with other levels of government and housing agencies. The goal of the Fund is to provide homes in

vibrant and inclusive community which are safe, affordable and accessible.

CMHC is looking to collaborate with many partners and the cooperative housing movement was mentioned specifically.

There is a ten year, 40-billion dollar plan which includes subsidies for low income families and the most vulnerable members of society – families dealing with family violence, people with disabilities, people with mental illness.

Additional funding will be available for repairing current housing and – most exciting – 60,000 new homes will be built.

Low interest loans will be made to ensure the repair and renewal of existing homes. The loans will be for twenty years, ten years at a fixed interest rate.

The National Housing Strategy is to ensure that the next generation of housing in Canada is affordable, secure and environmentally sustainable.

The National Housing Strategy is an **active** strategy. Regular reporting to Parliament (every three years) is built in and as the various programs roll out, there will be on-going review to make sure that the goal of safe, affordable, accessible housing for all Canadians is reached.

SACHA and the cooperative housing movement have the same goal – to provide safe, well-maintained, affordable homes in vibrant and diverse communities. **SACHA** encourages all our member co-ops to learn more about this exciting opportunity to receive government funding for repair and for developing new units.

Visit www.cmhc-nhs.ca, to find out more and to apply for funding.

More helpful information can be found at: www.home.ca and www.placetocallhome.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Goldeye Conference
September 21st to 23rd



Small Co-op Funding Opportunity for Education

SACHA has funding available to smaller co-ops for mobile (on-site) education. Please contact SACHA's office to enquire about eligibility.



SACHA's AGM was held on Saturday, April 21st and our special guest was Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

**A Big Welcome to SACHA's Newest Board Members:
Barb Millsap and Herta Fidler**

Introducing our Newest Bulk Purchasing Partner, Telus

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