

Working together we will develop a fresh approach to finding members who will be involved in building a successful co-op community. We explore what works and what doesn't, brainstorm ideas about what we are looking for from our members and craft a process for selecting successful members. Successful members will ensure that our co-op communities are sustainable and vibrant.

Co-ops are a life-style choice, not simply 'cheap' housing. The selection process is where Co-ops begin to educate the public and prospective members about the expectations and responsibilities of members and the advantages of co-op living.

### **A Good Member Selection Process:**

- Helps prevent vacancy loss
- Lowers unit turn-over costs
- Is flexible and easy to administer
- Treats applicants fairly and respects their rights
- Educates applicants about co-op living and co-op principles
- Developing community resilience
- Tackling underlying causes of poor community cohesion

