

# 2021 AGENDA

## 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | BUSINESS MEETING & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Ceremony conducted by Elder Cardinal*

We acknowledge the land to show respect for Indigenous Peoples, both past and present, who continue to call these lands home.

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 2021 THEME - REBUILDING TOGETHER

*Presented by Santosh Kumar, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)*

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY: FINANCING AND SUPPORT FOR RETROFITS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

*Discussion with Irfaan Hasham, CHF Canada*

12:00 - 1:00 PM | BREAK

## 1:00 - 3:00 PM | WORKSHOPS

### 1. EQUIP YOUR CO-OP TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT ISSUES: A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SEASONED PROFESSIONALS

*Moderated by Blair Hamilton, CHF Canada | Panelists: Della Brown, Brenda Davies, Darlene Germin, Thomas Grenier, Connie Leslie, Justin Thoman, Erin Viala and The Co-operators*

There are a number of issues that can plague a housing community and problems that start off small can quickly become catastrophes. Explosive tempers and disputes, unrepaired and failing buildings, insurance claims, escalating costs, financial woes, fraud, human-rights infringements, costly legal battles, and staff and board instability are just some of the many scenarios that can and have happened to others. Join us for a discussion with seasoned professionals who will bring legal, financial, maintenance, management and risk management perspectives to the conversation. You will learn how best to equip yourself to avoid issues that could end in disaster and discover actions you can take now to protect your co-op.

### 2. REBUILDING COMMUNITY POST-PANDEMIC: PRACTICAL TOOLS TO GET STARTED

*Facilitated by Heather Keam, Tamarack Institute*

What does recovery planning mean to you? Many people are talking about economic recovery post-pandemic, but few are talking about social recovery. After more than a year of social distancing and lockdowns, we are facing a loneliness pandemic in addition to COVID-19, and rebuilding our social fabric is needed now more than ever. This hands-on interactive workshop will explore practical tools and approaches you can use to rebuild community post-pandemic in your co-op. We'll dive into strength-based approaches in which co-op residents can harness local gifts and assets to build more connected communities from the ground up.



*Photos from previous years at Goldeye. We look forward to returning in person in 2022!*



# FACILITATORS & GUESTS

**DELLA BROWN** has been working for SACHA as a Financial Advisor and bookkeeper for over a decade. Della has worked in finances and business management for over 35 years. She provides bookkeeping and financial knowledge for numerous housing co-operatives as well as other industries. Della was an active member in a large housing co-op for 14 years.

**BRENDA DAVIES** is the Executive Director of SACHA. She has been working in the co-operative housing sector for many years and has a strong background in community development and working with other not-for-profit organizations. Brenda has worked extensively in the area of affordable housing, property management and personal finance. She is an advocate for affordable housing initiatives.

**DARLENE GERMIN** is very passionate about co-operative housing. She provides an array of services and support to NACHA and its member co-ops, which include workshop design and facilitation, chairing meetings, consulting/mentoring co-op Boards, as well as being an active member on the NACHA Education Committee. Darlene lived in a housing co-op for 11 years. During that time, she served 6 years on her co-op's Board, and 4 years on the NACHA/Casa Board of Directors. Darlene loves sharing her knowledge and experience to anyone who will listen.

**THOMAS GRENIER** is as an affordable housing specialist with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) who works with non-profits, governments, and corporations across Alberta to create financial avenues for the creation of affordable and sustainable housing. Thomas has a strong understanding of the logistical hurdles that exist around urban planning, housing access, NIMBYism, and ballooning costs of land.

**BLAIR HAMILTON** Blair Hamilton is CHF Canada's Manager Prairie Region. Blair provides direct member services to CHF Canada member co-ops in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In Alberta, Blair is the first point of contact for CHF member co-ops seeking to access various services from the national federation.

**IRFAAN HASHAM**, Regional Energy Coach and one of the cofounding principles at Simply Sustainable Energy Solutions (SSES), has a great deal of experience in both the consulting and utility worlds. He is registered as a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) and Certified Measurement & Verification Professional (CMVP), and holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

**HEATHER KEAM** is the Team Lead for the Cities Deepening Community practice area at Tamarack Institute. Heather has 18 years of experience generating action at a grassroots level. She loves guiding groups through community planning, implementation and sustaining local efforts.

**SANTOSH KUMAR** is the Director of Legislation at the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) office in Brussels, Belgium. He joined the ICA Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) in 2010 where he worked until March 2019. He served the ICA-AP as secretary of Committees on Youth Cooperation and on Cooperatives in Educational Institutions, as programme manager of the ICA-EU Partnership on Cooperatives in Development (Coops4Dev). He has contributed to the publication of the 4th Critical Study on cooperative laws and policies in the AP, and the 1st ICA-AP study on by laws of primary cooperatives in the AP. He was employed as Legislation Coordinator at the ICA Global Office from April 2019 until March 2021 whereupon he was appointed as Director to liaise better with ICA bodies such as ICA regions and sectors. He has undertaken specific certification courses in Cooperative Laws and Management, and Platform Cooperatives in 2020. Currently, he is undertaking a course in Public and Private international law from the Hague Academy of International Law.

**CONNIE LESLIE** has worked at Springhill Ranch Housing Cooperative (SRHC) in Calgary for just over 10 years. She has been trained as a Property Manager through the Institute of Housing Management through a scholarship awarded to her through CHF Canada. Connie strives to continue her education and stay-up-to date with an ever-changing environment.

**JUSTIN THOMAN** began his forensic accounting career in 2000 as an in-house forensic accountant with the Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In 2002, he joined a major international accounting firm as a Senior Manager, becoming the practice leader in the forensic accounting and investigative services area in Edmonton. He founded Thoman Forensic Accounting shortly after resigning from this position in late 2007. Justin's experience extends to many industries, government programs and non-profit organizations. He has also instructed at various courses in forensic accounting and fraud investigation.

**ERIN VIALA** is a lawyer with HMC Lawyers in the commercial litigation department. Erin focuses on commercial debt recovery, insolvency, employment, and general commercial litigation. Erin has worked with housing co-operatives in southern Alberta on a wide variety of matters including employment, debt recovery, terminations, by-law review, corporate governance and construction.

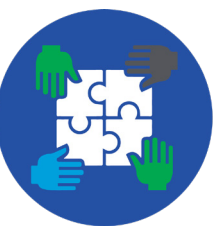




**PRINCIPLE 1**  
Voluntary & Open  
Membership



**PRINCIPLE 2**  
Democratic  
Member Control



**PRINCIPLE 3**  
Member Economic  
Participation



**PRINCIPLE 4**  
Autonomy &  
Independence



**PRINCIPLE 5**  
Education, Training  
& Information



**PRINCIPLE 6**  
Co-operation  
Among Co-operatives



**PRINCIPLE 7**  
Concern  
for Community

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**THE 2021 GOLDEYE CONFERENCE IS TAKING PLACE VIRTUALLY AND WILL BE HOSTED ON THE ACCELEVENTS ONLINE PLATFORM.**

All attendees will be required to register for the event through an online link. Access to the internet from a laptop, desktop computer or mobile device will be required to register. In case you do not have access to the internet from your home, here are some alternative options:

- The office at your co-operative
- Any Calgary Public Library location
- Through a friend, neighbour or relative

**THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE LIVE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD AND POSTED TO BOTH OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SACHA-COOP.CA](http://WWW.SACHA-COOP.CA) AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

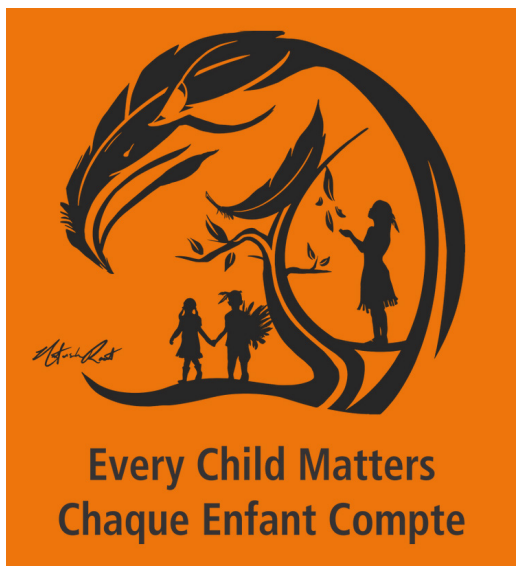
The registration deadline is Thursday, September 16th, please ensure to access the link and register before then.

Members of housing co-ops who wish to attend should apply to their Board of Directors for funding. The registration fee will cover the cost of the full day, including workshops.

- Members of SACHA (per person) \$75 + GST
- Members of SACHA who are 35 and under (per person) \$37.50 + GST
- Non-SACHA members (per person) \$100 + GST

### PLEASE NOTE

- SACHA will not be able to register attendees, each attendee must visit the event registration link to register for this event.
- Fees are not refundable unless the event is cancelled by SACHA due to insufficient registrations. If a person cannot attend, their co-op should find someone else to attend in their place. Please contact SACHA's office with any questions.



### IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

September 30th is nationally recognized as Orange Shirt Day and orange is worn in honour of the healing journey of Residential School survivors and their families, and to affirm commitment to reconciliation and anti-racism.

To show our support for Reconciliation, we will be gifting all registered attendees an orange T-shirt with all proceeds donated to the Orange Shirt Society.

# Virtual Goldeye Conference

**ONLINE - Saturday, September 18, 2021**

