

Central Ontario Co-operative Housing Federation

2018 Spring Education Conference and COCHF AGM



**Annual Meeting will include
COCHF Board Elections and
a review of 2017 audited
financial statements.**

WHEN Saturday March 24, 2018

TIME 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**WHERE Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre
700 Hespeler Rd. Cambridge ON**

The theme for the
2018 Spring Conference
workshops are based on
Co-op Principle Seven -
Concern for Community



COCHF

BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES TOGETHER.

**The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the
compassionate actions of its members.**

- Coretta Scott King

Conference At-a-Glance

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Conference Registration / Complimentary Breakfast Buffet		
9:00 am to 12:00 pm Includes a 15min morning break at 10:30am	Morning Workshop (register for one)		
	A Silent Transformation <i>Film Screening and discussion of co-op documentary filmed in Ontario.</i>	Functions of Co-op Board vs. Co-op Property Manager	Raise Your Hand and Say, "Yes And..." <i>Workshop geared towards co-op youth, though adults are welcome to join!</i>
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Buffett Lunch & Networking		
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	2018 COCHF Annual Meeting		
2:30pm to 4:30pm Includes a 15min afternoon break at 3:30pm	Afternoon Workshop (register for one)		
	15 Top Messy Human Dramas in Housing Co-ops	Your Movement, Your Future!	Panel Discussion re: National Housing Strategy

Additional Information

Registering Check with your co-op office about how to register for the conference. Forms are available at your co-op office and from our website: www.cochf.coop. Send completed registration forms to info@cochf.coop and/or fax 519-579-2195. Mail cheques to: COCHF 290 King Street East, Suite 203 Kitchener, ON N2G 2L3

Cancellation Policy for Education Conferences: COCHF must be notified 48 hours before the event for a refund, less a \$20 administration fee.

Special needs The Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre is fully accessible. Notify us of food allergies, accessibility needs, and identify this on the registration form.

Fees All fees are listed on the registration form and include the buffet lunch & refreshments. Fees for a half-day (morning workshop only or afternoon plenary) include the buffet lunch. **Early bird rates for registration end Friday March 16th, 2018.**

Questions? Contact the COCHF office at 519-579-2424 / 1-800-927-2834 (toll-free)

Register for one of these three workshops

1

A Silent Transformation

Workshop provided by: Ontario Co-operative Association

This workshop will show a screening of A Silent Transformation - a documentary about the transformative power of the co-operative enterprise model. Following the film, there will be a discussion about the film and the collaborative opportunities available in the Ontario co-op sector. This co-operative documentary is 55min long and was produced in Ontario.

2

Functions of Co-op Board vs. Co-op Property Manager

Workshop provided by: IHM Canada

How can co-op property managers and board directors work in a partnership? It starts with a strong understanding of the various functions – this workshop will include an overview of areas that may not be clear, and dialogue on the differences between governance & management. The workshop presentation will be pulling material from the Property and Building Administration IHM course, and will delve deeper into issues such as:

- Board Director's Role as Employer
- Understanding the Co-op Finances
- Different Board Director Positions

3

Raise Your Hand and Say, "Yes And..."

Workshop Leader: TBD

This workshop will focus on thinking on your feet, team work, listening and most of all, having fun. As we start to learn classic improv games (as seen on Whose Line Is It Anyway) we build creativity and bring out the star that lurks in all of us. Folks who attended the Co-op Service Awards Dinner (held on February 15th 2018) experienced the hilarity that comes from comedy improv – an art based on principles of co-operation, open-mindedness, and being receptive to other people's ideas. ***Note* COCHF Members are encouraged to register co-op youth to attend this workshop and/or adults who want to have fun 😊**

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15 Top Messy Human Dramas in Housing Co-ops

Workshop provided by: Iller Campbell

Working with co ops, we encounter lots of situations that we can all agree can be easily characterised as “messy human dramas”. This workshop has compiled real examples from housing co-ops, such as Carpets & Allergies, Bed Bugs, Pest Control. This presentation will accompany a discussion on how housing co-ops can deal with human rights claims made by members, and member needs around accessibility. In addition to an overview of common “dramas” that occur in housing co-ops, this workshop will cover what is and is not included in the Human Rights Code, responsibilities of the co-op and its members, and LTB considerations for co ops.

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Your Movement, Your Future

Workshop provided by: CHF Canada

These are exciting times for Canada’s housing co-ops. Across the country, members have been sharing ideas and hopes for the future of Canada’s co-op housing movement in the Voicing our Vision process. At this workshop, you’ll have a chance to get caught up on the process, get a sneak peek at what was discussed during the Vision Summit, and share your own ideas for the future success of Canada’s housing co-ops.

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Panel Discussion re: National Housing Strategy

Panelists will include individuals active in the housing sector.

On November 22, 2017 the National Housing Strategy was announced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Jean-Yves Duclos (Minister Responsible for CMHC). In short, this strategy lays out a 10-year, \$40 billion commitment to preserve existing affordable housing and to construct new affordable homes. This is a historic moment in Canada’s history, with the federal government’s return to investing in housing after a 40-year absence. This panel discussion will invite conference attendees to contribute comments and pose questions to the panelists about the various initiatives included in this strategy.