



This communication report is being sent from Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship”, first signed with the British Crown in 1725. This treaty did not deal with the surrender of lands, but instead was meant to build a relationship between nations.

Co-op Information

Current Neighbourhoods	Units
Capeland Neighborhood - Spryfield, NS	3
Chameleon Neighborhood - Sackville, NS	22
Central Dartmouth Neighborhood - Central Dartmouth, NS	19
Gimmie Shelter Neighborhood - Sydney, NS	9
Lake City Neighborhood - Dartmouth, NS	4
New Armdale Westside Neighborhood - Spryfield, NS	26
Topshee Neighborhood - Antigonish, NS	10
Spanish Bay Neighborhood - Sydney, NS	18

We sustain, build and grow inclusive housing co-operative communities.

Vacancies

As of December 2024, there were four vacant units undergoing major repairs and maintenance.

Annual General Meeting

The co-op held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 22, 2024. During the meeting, the general membership reviewed and approved the audit, and three board members were acclaimed.

Special Guest Speaker: At the end of the meeting, the board welcomed Raj Dhasi from Turning Point Resolutions, who provided a short presentation on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

Member Engagement

Stay Up to Date

Members are encouraged to check the member portal of the website to learn more about your membership and stay up to date with co-op activities.



Members of Compass Nova Scotia Homes Co-operative can also access CHF Canada's library of co-op resources and sign up to receive CHF Canada's eNews to stay up to date on upcoming events, CHF Canada services and benefits, co-op housing news, and more.

Co-op week promotion

The co-op hosted a Co-op Week promotion, encouraging members to log in to the members' portal and provide feedback for a chance to win one of two gift cards. Although the website received almost 2,000 visitors in October, only three members entered the contest.

The Board decided to split the funds among the entries, with each entry receiving a \$50 gift card. Congratulations to Haley, Meg, and Roseanne!



Planning

Board of Directors

The following directors were acclaimed to the Board at the AGM:

- Cathy Butler
- Laurie Cook
- Mark Peori

2024/25 Board of Directors:

- Keith MacDonald, President
- Angela Simpson, Vice-President
- Caroline Chapman, Secretary
- Kim Walker, Treasurer
- Cathy Butler, Director at Large
- Laurie Cook, Director at Large
- Mark Peori, Director at Large

Outgoing Board

Thank you, Barb Casey, a Founding Member for stepping into a Board position last year. Their vision and leadership were instrumental in laying the foundation for Compass NS. Returning for another term, Barb brought invaluable insights and a steadfast commitment to equity, leaving a lasting impact on our community.



Annual Plan

The Board has started planning for the 2024/2025 fiscal year by completing a planning survey, which will be reviewed at the January 2025 Board Meeting.

Members

The Board approved one new Member – welcome to membership Michelle!

All Members receive a membership package upon Membership approval.

Education

CHF Canada hosted the Atlantic Summit on October 19th, 2024, in Dartmouth, NS. Compass NS shared a co-operation among co-operatives tradeshow table with The Range Housing Co-operative, Tidal Bay Community Land Co-op, and Unified Saint John Housing Co-op.



Sustainability, Growth and Development

Tri County

Work is underway at both Barton School and Heritage Hall Development sites in Digby and Shelburne, with a construction timeline set for late summer to early fall 2025.

Unity North Neighbourhood

The future Unity North Neighbourhood development is progressing. Final interior inspections are underway on Building 2 and the exterior work is close to completion. The first occupancy for Building 2 will happen in late fall of 2024 and Building 1 is scheduled for winter of 2025.

Support letter

Compass NS provided a letter of support to CHF Canada for a Federal Lands Initiative outside of Nova Scotia. If they are successful, this will support the growth and development of new co-op homes.

Capital Repair Projects

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved additional funding to support the New Armdale West Side & Gimmie Shelter Neighbourhoods project plan. The project will consist of interior and exterior repairs.

The repairs may consist of:

Interior Repairs: Bathrooms, kitchens, flooring, ceilings, walls, electrical, and plumbing.

Exterior Repairs: Roofing, siding, windows, doors, decks, masonry, driveways, and structural repairs.

Grant funding for the capital repairs is being provided through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) Community Housing Infrastructure and Repair Program (CHIRP).

Current Developments

Heritage Hall, Shelburne, NS - 5
Barton School, Digby NS - 8
Maitland Street, Halifax, NS -
21 complete, 36 remaining



First Resident Members of Maitland Street Development

The first resident members moved into Building 2 of Unity North Neighbourhood in November!

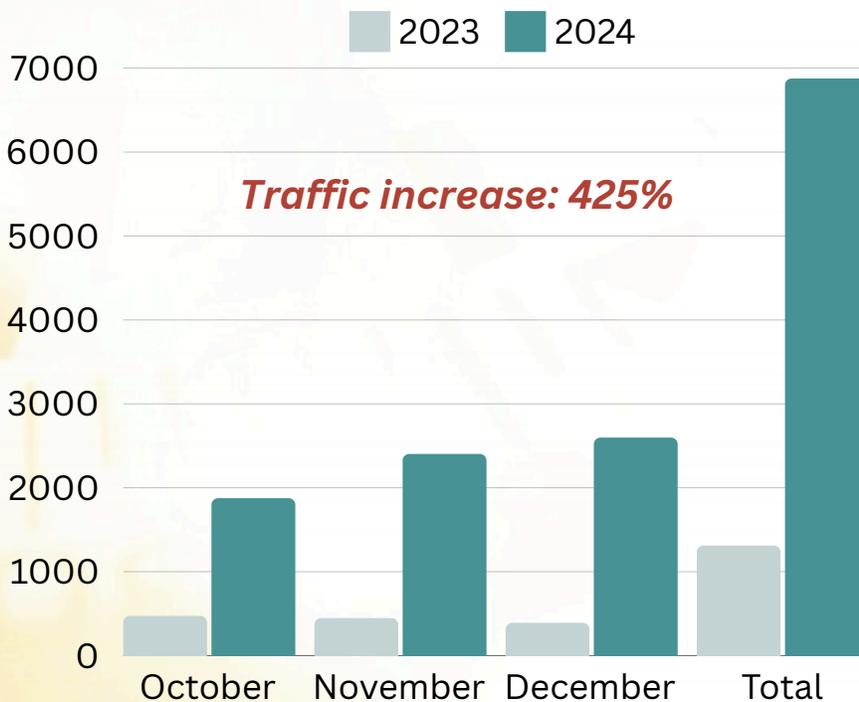
The Board will be reviewing and approving the membership applications.

Building 1 is expected to be ready for occupancy this winter.

An orientation for Building 2 residents will be held on January 23rd. The session will focus on sharing information about Compass NS's history, operational, and organizational structure.



Marketing and Communication



Website

The top three pages that visited were Apply, Home, Board Bios. The major traffic increase trend is that we have switched to a new website hosting platform and the website content is easier to find on the web.