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## 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 September 2024, there were four vacant units, as they undergo repairs and maintenance.

## Planning

### Board of Directors

The Board Treasurer, Savina MacDonald, resigned from the Board on September 20th. The Board accepted the resignation at the September Board meeting and will be appointing a resident member to fill the treasurer position until the next Annual General Meeting.

Thank you Savina for your contributions to the co-op over the past 8 months.

### Annual Plan

The co-op started the new annual plan on August 1st, 2024. The plan is updated at each Board Meeting. Click [here](#) to review.

### Education

CHF Canada is hosting the Atlantic Summit on October 19, 2024, in Dartmouth, NS. This opportunity includes networking with fellow Co-op Members in Atlantic Canada and workshops. Three Board Members will be attending.

Compass NS plans to host a shared tradeshow booth at the event where they will provide a small giveaway and information about Compass NS to fellow Co-op members.

### Policy & Process

As per the new Investment Policy, adopted by the Board in June 2024, the Board approved three (3) 1-year investments from the co-ops three (3) reserve funds.

The Board has reviewed and updated the Board of Directors Duties and Responsibilities Resource to outline meeting attendance expectations.

The Membership Handbook and the new member application now include pet ownership guidelines. Compass NS values responsible pet ownership to ensure a harmonious living environment for all Members. Members are encouraged to review the guidelines in the handbook and ensure that all pets living in their homes are registered with property management.

The Board approved a new Unity Allocation Policy, the Policy has more inclusive language and details the process for filling newly developed units. The application for Membership was also updated.

All current resources, policies and processes are on the Board or Member login.

## 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.



### First Resident Members of Maitland Street Development

The Co-op will be welcoming new Members into the Unity North Neighbourhood as early as this fall 2024.

Forty-five of the fifty-seven units are assigned. Please share the application to anyone who might qualify. Click [here](#) to view.

### Co-op week promotion

Compass NS is celebrating co-op week with a Membership Engagement promotion. Members are encouraged to login and provide any feedback they have on the resources and information. All members that submit a form will be entered to WIN one of two \$75 gift cards to a store of their choice.

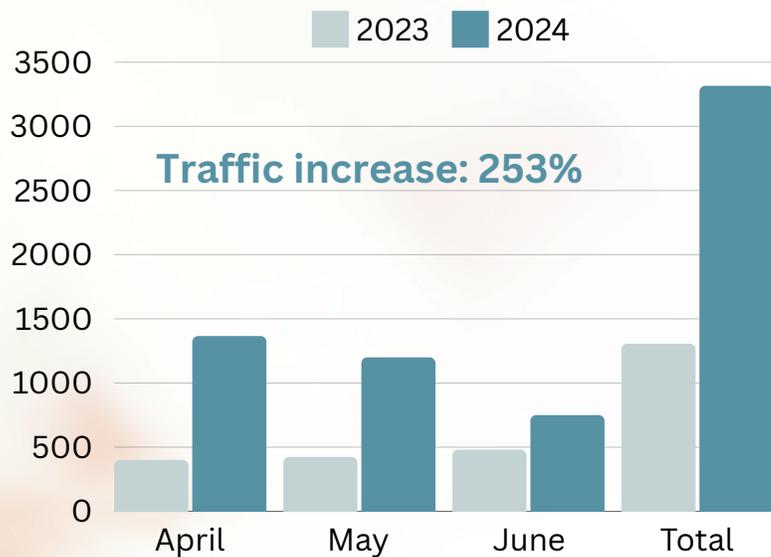


## Marketing and Communication

### Website

Compass NS's website has a fresh look!

The top four pages visited were Apply, Home, Unity North Neighbourhood and About. The major traffic increase trend is a result of the Unity North Neighbourhood application being open.



## Sustainability, Growth and Development

### Tri County

Construction has begun with site preparation and demolition in September! The construction completion is 18-24 months.

### Maitland Street

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.

### Capital Repair Projects

The Capital repairs at the Spanish Bay Neighbourhood are complete.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved the New Armdale West Side & Gimmie Shelter Neighbourhoods project plan. The exterior repairs include roofing, siding, windows, doors, decks, masonry, driveways, and structural repairs. Interior repairs may include bathrooms, kitchens, flooring, ceiling, walls and electrical and plumbing.

Grant funding for these capital repairs is being received 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 - 57

