



Compass NS Vacancies	April ↑ 1	May ↑ 2	June ↓ 1
Compass NS Current Waitlist (new applications)	April ↑ (8) 132	May ↑ (31) 163	June ↑ (12) 175



Compass NS Current Neighborhoods	Homes
Capeland Neighborhood Spryfield, NS	3
Chameleon Neighborhood Sackville, NS	22
Central Dartmouth Neighborhood Central Dartmouth, NS	19
Gimmie Shelter Neighborhood Sydney, NS	4
Lake City Neighbourhood Dartmouth, NS	4
New Armdale Westside Neighborhood Spryfield, NS	26
Topshee Neighborhood Antigonish, NS	10
Spanish Bay Neighborhood Sydney, NS	18
Current Developments	
Heritage Hall Shelburne, NS	5
Barton School Digby, NS	8
Maitland Street Halifax, NS	57

Updates

Board of Directors

At the 2022 AGM scheduled for this coming November, two non-resident board member terms and one resident board member term will be expiring. Resident nomination packages will be circulated in September.

Current Units

Compass NS currently has 111 units and 1 vacant property.

Two units became vacant in the Spanish Bay Neighborhood in May one was able to be filled by the first of June and the will be available by the first of September after receiving some needed repairs.



This communications 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.

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Member Services

Community Housing Infrastructure Repair Program (CHIRP)

As part of the growth strategy, Compass NS previously received CHIRP funding through Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing NS) to complete renovations at Topshee, Central Dartmouth and Spanish Bay.



Topshee before

Spanish Bay was recently approved to receive an additional \$1.3 million

As part of the amalgamation agreements Gimmie Shelter and New Armdale Westside neighborhoods will be receiving a combined total of 3.6 million



Topshee After

The Community Housing Management Network (the Network) is providing oversight services for the repairs, and IRC is completing the project management.

Development Funding Update

The Barton School and Heritage Hall development project is still awaiting approval from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) on the provincial level in order to advance to federal level. The ICIP grant has the potential to fund up to 40% of the eligible capital costs for the project through the program.



Development Updates

Maitland Street Development Project

The ground has broken! The building permits have been approved and the fixed tender to complete the construction has been signed.

The construction started early June and is estimated to take approximately 18-months.

During the CHF Canada AGM, the Compass NS



board visited the Maitland Street development site.

Growth Through Amalgamation

Compass NS officially welcomed New Armdale Westside Neighborhood and Gimmie Shelter Neighborhood to Compass NS in May.

Compass NS approved the proposed amalgamation of the two co-ops considering the amalgamation at a special resolution meeting in March. New Armdale Westside Housing Co-operative (26 homes) and Gimmie Shelter Housing Co-operative (9 homes) held special resolution meetings with their members in April to consider amalgamating with Compass NS. At both meetings the members voted unanimously to amalgamate with Compass NS and the Inspector of Co-operative Housing approved the amalgamation in May.



Information sessions were provided. The sessions were to welcome the members and orientate them. The information sessions reviewed Compass NS's organizational structure and provided an overview of the membership benefits and duties.

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Succession Planning

The Compass NS board has been working on succession planning. At the 2022 AGM scheduled for this coming November, two non-resident board member terms and one resident board member term will be expiring. Resident nomination packages will be circulated in September.

To support the nomination packages the board has developed resources that outline the duties of board members and the values of the organization, in addition to outlining the experience, skills, and diversity objectives to be achieved.

Annual Planning

The board of Compass NS completed their annual planning sessions in late February and early March. The annual working priorities are training, diversity & inclusion, policies and processes and membership engagement.

An annual plan has been created to support the working priorities. This plan is updated by the managing director and reviewed monthly by the board.

Special Resolution Meeting

On June 6, 2022, Compass NS held a hybrid special resolution meeting to approve 7 special resolutions: Borrowing resolutions for:

- Maitland Street development project
- Barton School development project
- Heritage Hall development project
- Gimmie Shelter Neighborhood CHIRP
- New Armdale Westside Neighborhood CHIRP
- Spanish Bay Neighborhood CHIRP

The Bylaw resolution was approved to update the By-laws to include virtual special resolution meetings.

The borrowing resolutions were previously approved by the general membership however after the amalgamations were approved they were required to be presented again.

In support of the borrowing resolutions the president, Keith MacDonald created a video and a new FAQ document was created and circulated for all members to review.

All resolutions were approved unanimously.

The Compass NS brochure has been recently updated. Click [here](#) to view the electronic copy.

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Membership Engagement Project

In April 2021, Compass NS was successfully approved by the [Community Housing Transformation Center](#) to receive funding under the Community-Based Tenant Initiative Fund project. This funding is to focus on member and tenant involvement.

The board reviewed the project findings from the membership engagement project and adopted many of the recommendations into the annual plan. A final presentation was created for the members in May.

The project is focusing on education, technology and membership engagement. Below is an outline of the outputs:

Education: Programming to meet the prioritized needs of the members

Technology: Creation of a process and a budget to support member needs

Membership Engagement : New Membership

Handbook & expansion of the membership portal

Click [here](#) to learn more about the program. To review the survey findings and watch session recordings, members can log into the membership portal.

Media Coverage

Global News visited the Maitland Street development site and talked to Keith MacDonald, Compass NS'

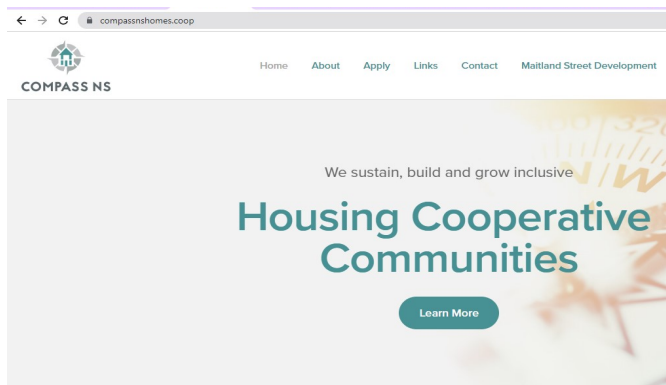


President about the development project. Click [here](#) to watch.

Temporary construction fencing has gone up at Maitland Street. New site signage has been created and placed on the site. One sign is showing that the development site is a future Compass NS neighborhood with website and two signs of the artwork piece and write have been printed and placed on both streets.

Compass NS Website

The main Compass NS website has been changed to [Compassnshomes.coop](https://compassnshomes.coop). Compass NS was approved by identiy.coop an internal co-operative organization and will now be recognised internationally as a democratically controlled, member owned organization that is consistent with the 7 cooperative principles. This is a way to elevate Compass NS's co-operative identity and show that it is part of the global movement. The previous url compassncoop.com will still be linked to the website.



Marketing materials have been updated to include the new url.

Application Waitlist

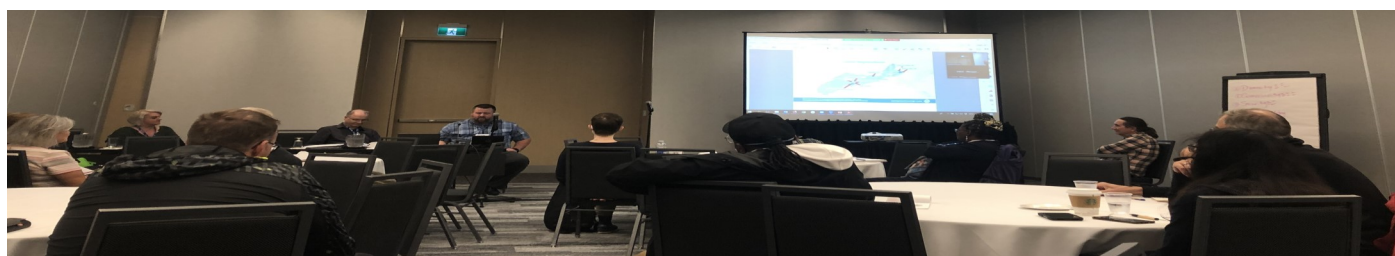
The current waitlist is at 175 applicants. In the June board meeting the board reviewed the current waitlist and decided to close the waitlist and not accept any new applicants at this time. There is currently no waitlist for the homes being built through development as the application process has not been defined yet and will not open up until closer to occupancy.

Membership Handbook

A Membership Handbook is being created for all members of Compass NS. The handbook will be an orientation guide to new and existing members. The handbook and an information session reviewing the contents will be available in the fall of this year.

Hybrid Meetings

Compass NS now has the technology to hold hybrid meetings as well as process documents to do so when required. Due to the state of emergency being lifted and the current Bylaws, the membership were required to meet in person for the last two special resolution meetings.



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CHF Canada AGM

The board was pleased to offer the opportunity for 10 members in addition to the board to attend the CHF Canada AGM taking place in Halifax this year. A great lineup of workshops and networking activities were offered.

All staff members and 6 of the 7 board members were in attendance. Three members also attended the AGM on behalf of Compass NS.

All Compass NS attendees were provided with pins, brochures and business cards to distribute to their peers during the workshops and social events. Marketing and communication materials as well as swag was available at the Compass NS booth at the



tradeshow. The booth received a lot of interest.

Keith MacDonald was a panellist at the *Sustainability through Scale: housing co-ops without borders* panel.

The opportunity to host the Compass NS booth at the AGM would not be possible without the support from the Community Housing Transformation Center.

