



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.

Current Neighbourhoods



- 1** **HRM**
Capeland - 3 units
Chameleon - 22 units
Central Dartmouth - 19 units
Lake City - 4 units
New Armdale Westside - 26 units
- 2** **Cape Breton**
Gimmie Shelter - 9 units
Spanish Bay - 18 units
- 3** **Anitgonish**
Topshee - 10 units

Vacancies

There are currently four vacant units; one is in the Spanish Bay Neighbourhood and is being used by members getting repairs completed to their units; the remaining three units are in the Gimmie Shelter Neighbourhood and need extensive repairs which will be completed under CHIRP funding.

Membership

Compass NS welcomed two new members into the Capeland Neighbourhood. Welcome Kelsie and Jerry!

A new resource called *Becoming a Compass NS Member* was created and sent to the Compass NS households that are not currently part of membership. The resource outlines the benefits of being a member and the process for membership approval.

Governance

Policy & Process

The board has approved a Harassment and Discrimination Policy. Compass NS has a zero tolerance for harassment and discrimination and the policy defines the process and consequences.

The board also adopted a unit filling process to support a more fluent membership approval and orientation process with clear steps of what the occupants are provided with, once approved to move into a Compass NS home.

Member Engagement

Membership Engagement Project

As part of the final output of the CHTC Tenant Initiative Grant informational videos are being created. The two videos (How to Zoom and Membership Portal) when finalized will be linked to the Access to Membership Meetings outreach document and sent to all Compass NS members.

The final two videos are being created to provide further information on Board and Membership duties and responsibilities. All of the videos will be placed into a series and used as orientation tools for new Members.

Education & Training

CHF Canada AGM

3 Board Members and 3 Members attended the CHF Canada Annual General Meeting in Ottawa June 14-17, 2023; that included workshops and networking opportunities.

Compass Nova Scotia received \$2,500 from the Housing Nova Scotia AGM Bursary for our delegate and alternate to attend the CHF Canada AGM.

All Compass NS Members that attended the CHF Canada AGM volunteered at the “Co-operation Among Co-operatives” tradeshow booth that Compass NS shared with The Range Housing Co-operative and Unified Saint John Housing Co-operative. Compass NS gave logoed lip balm, bottle openers and had brochures and business cards to distribute to fellow housing co-op members and supporters.



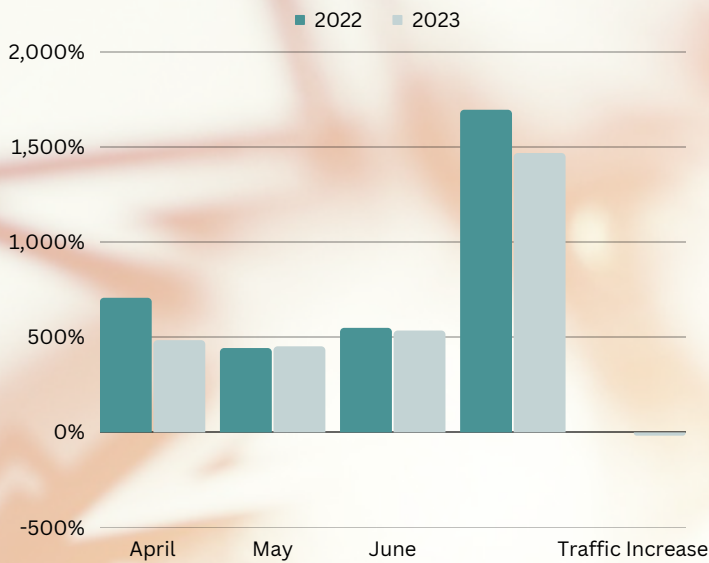
Board Member, Angela Simpson was invited to be a panelist at the workshop – Growth through unification where she shared Compass NS’s Membership Engagement Initiatives and Strategies and reviewed Compass NS’s history.



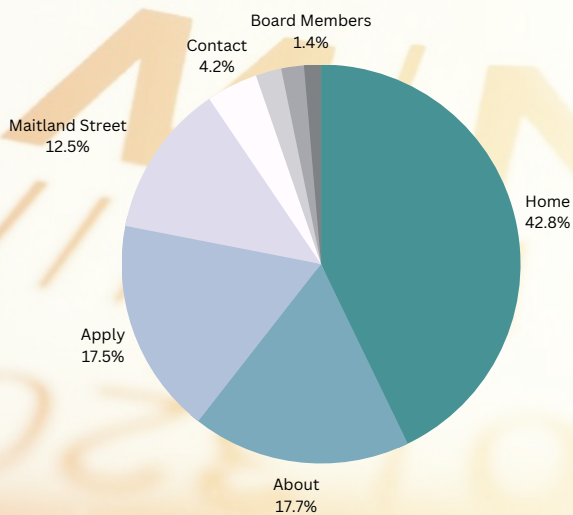
Media and Communications

Website

Traffic is slightly down from last year (13%). It is believed to have been caused by the fact that the ground was just breaking on the Maitland Street Development project last year so more people were going to the website to learn more about the development.



Interest in general information about the co-op, and how to apply are some of the highest traffic areas. 49 applications were submitted which increased from 38 applications received last quarter.



Co-op Housing for All Vision Video

CHF Canada is working on a series of videos to support the “Co-op Housing for All Vision” focused on members that live in housing co-ops speaking about the benefits of a unified co-op model. They have decided to interview Compass NS members for the first of the series of videos. Two members have been interviewed and they are working on completing the video over the next month.

Growth and Sustainability

Maitland Street

Construction continues at the Maitland Street development site. Foundation and ground floor walls and columns are ongoing and over the next few months construction will continue with walls, piers and concrete slabs on each level.

The Maitland Street project will deliver 57 units of housing in two distinct low-rise buildings separated by an accessible pedestrian corridor. The project is situated in North End Halifax, and in close proximity to public transit, services, health care facilities and other amenities.



Maitland Street Sculpture

As part of the building permitting requirements at the Maitland Street development, a sculpture must be erected at the site. A local Indigenous artist was approached and is interested in collaborating with a Nova Scotia metal artist to produce the sculpture.

Barton and Heritage Hall Development

New Commons Development's is working with the Compass Nova Scotia to realize the delivery of 13 new co-operative housing units in the Town of Shelburne and Municipality of Digby, NS. Five of the units will be at 28 John St. in Shelburne, resulting from the conversion of an older heritage community hall (Heritage Hall). Eight units will result from the conversion of the Barton School located on Highway 1 in Digby. Both properties have been or are in the process of being sold to Compass NS by the municipalities for a nominal fee, and the project has received funding for up to 80% of project costs through the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program.

The architect's fee proposal to complete the project design including coordination of other sub-consultants has been received and the contract has been drafted by Teal Architects. Teal is still in the process of securing proposals from qualified engineers to support the design development process.

A preliminary project schedule has been received from Teal and a more granular and updated schedule is being completed. The schedule is targeting permit submissions in June/July with construction to start in Q4.



Capital Repair Projects

Compass NS received CHIRP funding through Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing NS) to complete renovations at Topshee, Central Dartmouth, Spanish Bay, New Armdale Westside and Gimmie Shelter.

Spanish Bay (\$2,458,100) has seen exterior renovations (siding) bathroom and kitchen renovations, and flooring upgrades. Phase 3 will include HRV, electrical upgrades and heat pumps.

Topshee (\$952,600) has seen siding, roofs and decks, HRV's, mini splits & panel upgrades. Phase 3 will include paving 4 parking lots.

Central Dartmouth (\$349,620) has seen roof, siding, and exterior lighting; masonry and concrete foundation work; along with decks/front porches completed.

Gimmie Shelter and New Armdale Westside Neighbourhoods will be receiving a combined total of \$3.6 million for capital repairs. Project management contracts are being signed with the repairs expected to start over the next couple of months.