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## Co-op Information

| Current Neighbourhoods                                  | Units |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Barton School Neighbourhood, Digby, NS                  | 8     |
| Capeland Neighbourhood - Spryfield, NS                  | 3     |
| Chameleon Neighbourhood - Sackville, NS                 | 22    |
| Central Dartmouth Neighbourhood - Central Dartmouth, NS | 19    |
| Gimmie Shelter Neighbourhood - Sydney, NS               | 9     |
| Heritage Hall Neighbourhood, Shelburne, NS              | 5     |
| Lake City Neighbourhood - Dartmouth, NS                 | 4     |
| New Armdale Westside Neighbourhood - Spryfield, NS      | 26    |
| Topshee Neighbourhood - Antigonish, NS                  | 10    |
| Spanish Bay Neighbourhood - Sydney, NS                  | 18    |
| Unity North Neighbourhood, North End Halifax, NS        | 57    |

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

## Co-op Information

### Vacancies

As of June 2026, four of our 187 homes are vacant. These homes are undergoing major repairs.

### Policy Development

Work continues to review and improve important co-op policies.

Most recently, the Housing Charge and Arrears Policy was reviewed with input from Property Management. Updates are being considered to keep the policy clear, fair, and easy to follow.

### Our Co-op at a Glance

Compass NS continues to grow as we build strong communities and help members get involved.

This quarter included learning events, planning for neighbourhood celebrations, policy work, and work on our strategic plan. Members also represented Compass NS at the CHF Canada AGM. Planning continues for future growth and stronger neighbourhood connections.

All policies can be found on the [member login](#) and in the members handbook.

If members have questions or ideas about current policies, please contact us at [info@compassnshomes.coop](mailto:info@compassnshomes.coop).



### Outgoing Director

We would like to thank Cathy Butler for her two years of service as a Compass NS director.

Cathy has been a dedicated co-op member for many years. She has also been an active member of the Lake City Neighbourhood since 2015. As a director, she supported member-led activities and spoke up for affordable housing and strong co-op communities.

Thank you, Cathy, for your commitment, leadership, and contributions to Compass NS.

## Planning

### Learning Opportunity

Five directors and four Compass NS members attended the CHF Canada AGM in Fredericton this June.

Compass NS also shared a tradeshow booth with two other Atlantic Co-ops. This helped people learn more about our co-op and the work happening in our neighbourhoods. Members took part in workshops, discussions, networking, and learning sessions with co-operators from across Canada.

We thank everyone who represented Compass NS and brought back ideas that will help strengthen our co-op and community.



### Board Appointment

Brianne Peori was recently appointed to fill a director vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

Brianne has been a Compass NS member for 11 years. She lives in the Central Dartmouth Neighbourhood with her family. She has attended three CHF Canada AGMs and is interested in community building, member involvement, and co-operative housing. Brianne has also volunteered with youth sports and other community activities. We are pleased to welcome her as a director.

Click [here](#) to view the bios of all Compass NS directors.

## Member Engagement

### Member Orientation

An online orientation session was held in June for new Heritage Hall members. The invitation was sent to all Compass NS members. Ten members from other neighbourhoods also joined. Thank you to everyone who took part and asked questions about co-op membership, governance, and community life.

The positive response to this session has spurred interest in offering orientations throughout the year. Regular orientation opportunities would help both new and existing members learn more about Compass NS, strengthen their understanding of the co-op, and discover new ways to get involved in their communities



### Summer Neighbourhood Events

Information about the Summer Neighbourhood Event Program has been shared with members.

The intent is to support member-led social events. These events help build relationships and community within and between neighbourhoods. Members are encouraged to work together to plan gatherings, celebrations, and activities that reflect their communities.

If you would like to help organize a neighbourhood event, please contact the co-op and share your ideas.

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### Barton School and Heritage Hall Grand Opening

Planning is underway for grand opening celebrations at Heritage Hall and Barton School Neighbourhoods. The events are planned for September 25–26, 2026.

Local members are helping shape the celebrations. These events will celebrate the new communities and thank the many people who helped make them possible. Stay tuned for more updates!

### Sharing Resources Across the Sector

Compass NS continues to support the co-op housing sector by sharing knowledge, tools, and resources with other housing co-ops. This quarter, Compass NS presented committee resources during a full-day Board Bootcamp session at the CHF Canada AGM and shared materials with a housing co-op on Prince Edward Island.

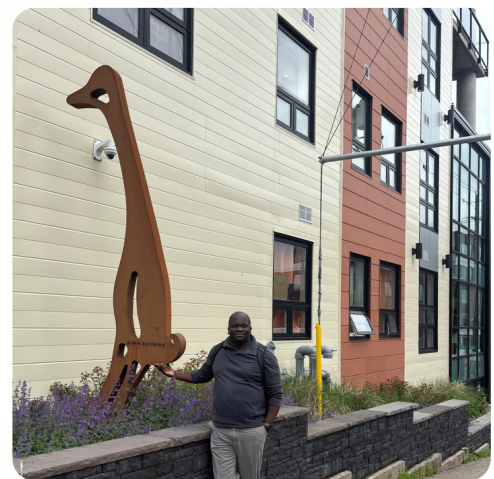
A joint training session is also being planned with a housing co-op in Antigonish, which will take place in September. These partnerships help build capacity across the sector and create opportunities for co-ops to learn from one another while promoting strong governance and member engagement.

### Rooftops Canada Study Visit

Compass NS is proud to support co-operative housing in Nova Scotia, across Canada, and around the world. This work supports safe and affordable housing for all. As part of this partnership, Compass NS members joined a learning exchange with a Rooftops Canada group from South Africa



The group toured Unity North neighbourhood and met with Compass NS members. They shared experiences and talked about how co-op housing continues to build strong and welcoming communities. The visit was a chance to share Compass NS's growth and learn from co-op housing work in other countries.





### Community Space Bookings – Unity North Neighbourhood

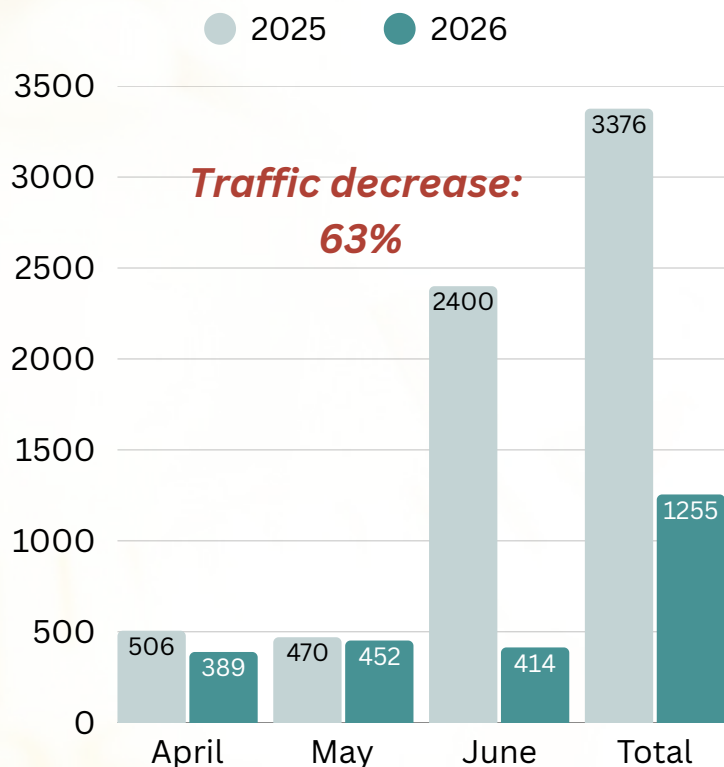
The outdoor benches being placed at Unity North neighbourhood have been ordered. Updates will be shared once timelines for installation are confirmed. Members can now book the Unity North common room through the [online booking system](#). The \$50 deposit is no longer necessary. This is a welcome space for member activities and gatherings.

Click [here](#) to learn more. Note you will need to be logged into the member login to access email: [info@compassnshome.coop](mailto:info@compassnshome.coop) if you forget your login password.

## Marketing and Communication

### Website

Website traffic was lower during this period than at the same time last year. This was expected. Last June had very high traffic because Heritage Hall and Barton School were actively leasing homes and brought many new visitors to the website. Despite the overall decrease, the most frequently visited pages continue to be Apply, About, and Neighbourhoods. This shows continued interest in Compass NS and how to join our community.





### You Hold the Key Campaign

Compass NS's support for CHF Canada's You Hold the Key campaign is now on the Compass NS website.

The campaign is directed to the Federal Government asking to keep funding programs that help make co-op housing affordable for members across Canada.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



### Building Partnership for Affordable Housing

Compass NS was proud to see director Curtis Whiley deliver the keynote address at the CHF Canada AGM in Fredericton, NB. Curtis is the Founder and CEO of the Upper Hammonds Plains Community Land Trust.

He spoke about how community land trusts and housing co-ops can work together. His presentation showed how community land trusts and housing co-ops can help create and protect affordable housing. These partnerships can strengthen communities and help keep housing affordable for future generations.

## Sustainability, Growth and Development

### Future Growth Opportunities

Compass NS continue to explore opportunities to grow CNS through new development, acquisition and merger.



### Compass NS History

#### Our Growth Timeline



**April 2016**

Compass Nova Scotia Co-operative Homes was incorporated by CNH Canada under the Nova Scotia Co-operative Associations Act as a unified housing co-operative with a mandate to sustain, build, and grow co-operative housing across Nova Scotia.



**October 2019 – 39 Homes**

Compass NS saved four existing co-operatives from being lost to the sector by amalgamating: Topshee, Lake City, Charneton, and Capeland neighbourhoods. This preserved 39 co-operative homes under shared governance.



**December 2019 – 58 Homes**

A fifth co-operative, Central Dartmouth Neighbourhood (19 homes), voted unanimously to amalgamate with Compass NS, expanding the portfolio to 58 homes.



### Growth Timeline

A new Growth Timeline has been added to the website. The timeline shows important moments in the co-op's history and how Compass NS has grown over time. Members are encouraged to look at the timeline and share feedback and experiences. Click [here](#) to review.

### Membership Growth

Thank you to all members who attended meetings, completed surveys, joined orientations, volunteered, and helped build welcoming communities across Compass NS. Your ideas, time, and care help make our co-op stronger.

### Supporting Co-operative Housing Beyond Nova Scotia

Compass NS has approved a new three-year financial commitment to Rooftops Canada. Rooftops Canada works with housing co-ops and community groups around the world. Its work supports safe, affordable housing and strong communities. Compass NS is proud to support co-op housing locally, across Canada, and around the world.



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