



COMPASS NS

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Communications Report January - March 2025



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
Unity North Neighbourhood, North End Halifax, NS	57

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

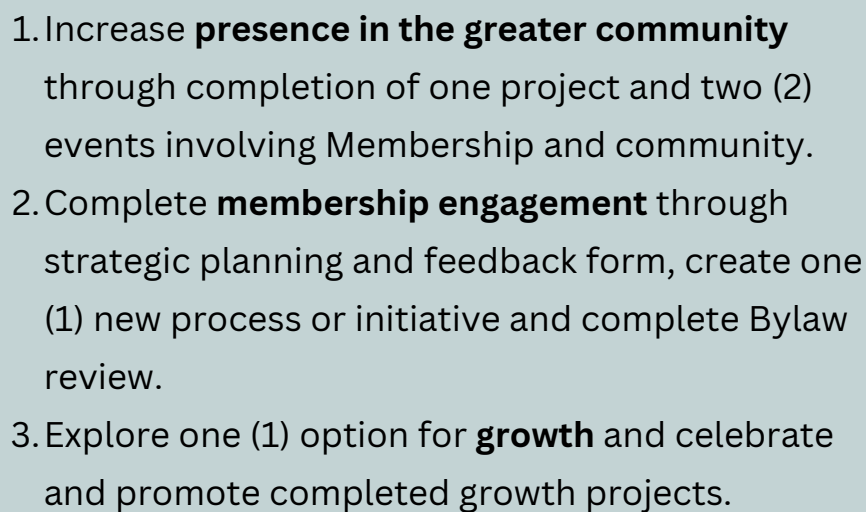
Vacancies

As of March 2025, there were four vacant units undergoing major repairs and maintenance.

Annual Plan

The Board will continue to work on the 2024/25 annual plan which covers August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025.

Additionally, the Board has developed the new 2025/26 annual plan based on the strategic plan. The 2025 annual plan begins August 1, 2025, until the end of July 2026. The Board has identified the following goals in the 2025/26 plan:

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1. Increase **presence in the greater community** through completion of one project and two (2) events involving Membership and community.
 2. Complete **membership engagement** through strategic planning and feedback form, create one (1) new process or initiative and complete Bylaw review.
 3. Explore one (1) option for **growth** and celebrate and promote completed growth projects.

Membership Meeting

The co-op held its General Membership Budget Meeting on March 26, 2025. During the meeting, the Board reviewed the annual plan, and the Members approved the 2025/26 operating budget both to come into effect in August 2025.

A copy of the approved budget and annual plan is available on the Membership Portal under planning and financials.



Planning

Special Resolution Meeting

The co-op obtained support for an additional 1- Million dollars in grant funding through the Community Housing Infrastructure and Repair Program (CHIRP) to support necessary repairs at Gimmie Shelter and New Armdale Westside Neighbourhoods. This is a provincial fully forgivable grant administered through the provincial government.

The Chair called a Special Resolution Meeting for Member approval to accept the additional funding. Prior to the meeting, the Board created and circulated a Frequently Asked Questions -FAQ, to the Members, outlining the reasons for the Special Resolution Meeting and the history of the project. The funding was official approved through the Special Resolution Meeting held on March 26, 2025.

Members

Membership grew by 34% over the last quarter and welcomed fifty-eight new Members into the co-op.

Majority of the new members are the first occupants of the Unity North Neighbourhood. Welcome to membership:

Angela	Destiney	Kenisha	Raven
Ahmed	Freddeja	Kerri	Reuben
Alicia	Glen	Kyleesha	Sabrina
Amber	Jaiden	Linda	Sally
Angelo	Janet	Mary	Sam
August	Jannie	Megan	Samir
Beth	Jeanette	Michele	Sara B
Brittany	Jennifer	Mohammed	Sara Maria
Chelsea	Joe	Myasiah	Sarah R
Crystal	John	Nelson	Sergiy
Daryna	Joy	Nick	Shelly
Delecia	Joy	Paa	Shila
Delicia	Kayla	Patricio	Steve
Delva	Kelly S	Pidad	Taylor
	Kelly T	Rachel	

Education

The new Board members received an orientation session on the Compass NS history and organizational structure.

The Board will be hosting a workshop in the spring on governance. More details to come.



Diversity Scholarships

The 2025 applications period is now open for the CHF Canada Diversity Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to recipients entering post-secondary education or to full-time students currently pursuing a degree. The goal of the Diversity Scholarship program is to financially support emerging leaders of the co-op housing movement in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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 development has been complete except for a few deficiencies and the landscaping work that will begin when warmer weather permits.

Capital Repair Projects

The Co-op has tendered the New Armdale West Side & Gimmie Shelter Neighbourhoods project plans. The project will consist of interior and exterior repairs.

The capital repairs may consist of roofs, siding, windows, doors, porches/decks, masonry/concrete and structural repairs.

Current Developments

Heritage Hall,
Shelburne, NS - 5

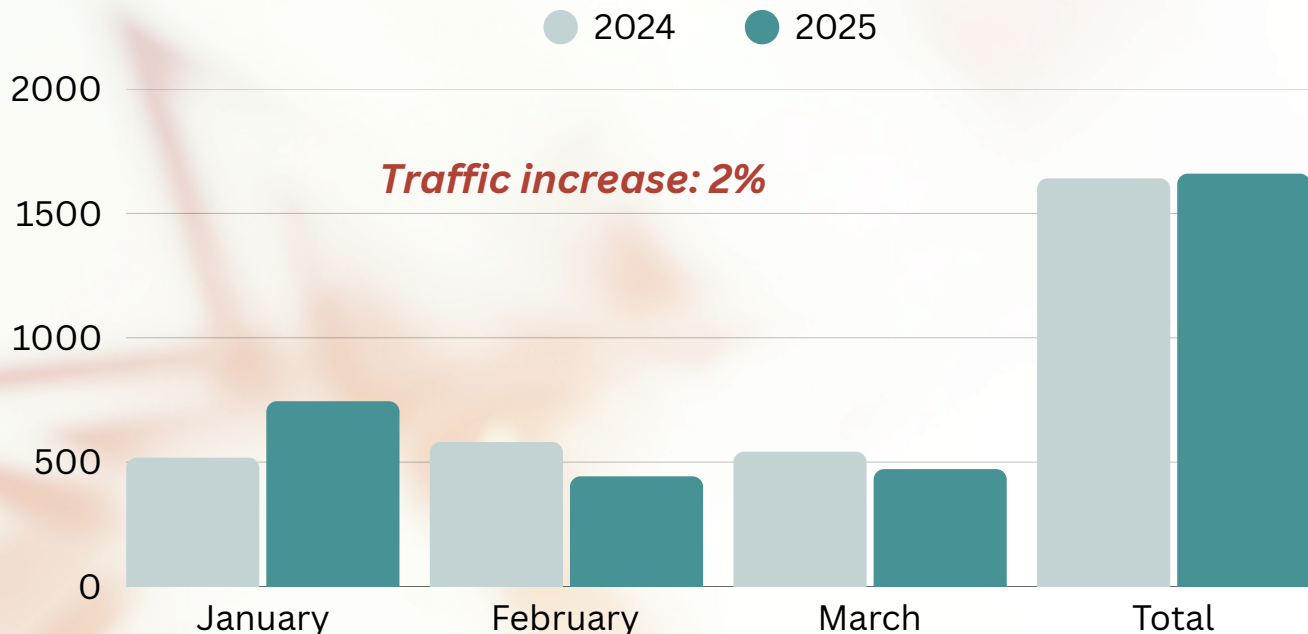
Barton School,
Digby NS - 8



Marketing and Communication

Website

The top three pages that visited were About, Apply, Neighbourhoods and Future Neighbourhoods.



Member Engagement

Stay Up to Date

Members are encouraged to check their portal on 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.

Year End recap

The co-op created a recap of the year which is now posted on the Compass NS website. The Board encourages the Members to review the highlights of 2024 and to keep checking the website for information. Click [here](#) to view.





Member Gift

In January, the Board sent a New Year card along with a Peace by Chocolate bar to all the current Members.

This was a small gesture of appreciation for being a valued part of our co-op community.

Thank you to all Members for your continued support!

First Resident Members of Maitland Street Development

As of March 2025, the Unity North Neighbourhood is now fully occupied!

On March 6, 2025, an information session was held with the new resident members. A few members also joined online. The session focused on sharing information about Compass NS's history, operational, and organizational structure.

