

RESOLUTION 7

SUBMITTED BY: Co-operative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario

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This resolution is for the meeting of: ✓ all CHF Canada members Ontario Members

A Vision for the Future of the Co-operative Housing Movement in Canada

WE RESOLVE:

1. **THAT** CHF Canada lead a dialogue with its member housing co-ops and federations to develop a common, comprehensive vision of future success for the co-operative housing movement;
2. **AND THAT** the vision be discussed at the 2017 CHF Canada annual meeting, to be held in Niagara Falls (ON), June 7-10, 2017.

OUR REASONS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE:

1. CHASEO and other regional federations want to see the co-op housing movement in Canada not only surviving, but also thriving. We are ready to dream big and to set our sights on the day when we as a movement are not only strong, but also growing.
2. There are many challenges and opportunities ahead of us. Our movement is coming to a crossroads: our assets and members are aging; co-ops are coming to the end of their existing agreement with government; and housing co-operatives are seeking autonomy and the ability to renew their communities. Together, we can chart a path now for the long term success of co-op housing in Canada.
3. Our movement is built on the belief that we can accomplish more by working together than alone. It is member co-ops that provide the vision and strategic direction for CHF Canada and member federations. It is now time to think big, because it will take time to get moving on whatever plan we set in action. Together, we can take advantage of new opportunities.

4. It is important for our national federation to lead this discussion so that we will have a clear picture of where we want to go in years to come. If we can articulate a common vision, we will once again work together to innovate and to serve our existing and future members.
5. The co-operative housing movement in Canada has a long history of ambition, success, and collaboration. Housing co-ops and their members built vibrant, safe, mixed-income communities for more than 250,000 people across Canada. It is time for housing co-ops in Canada to articulate a vision – not only for individual co-ops, not only for federations, but for our movement.
6. Our movement celebrates our successes: strong, well governed and well managed housing co-operatives, \$1,000,000 in diversity scholarships, \$50,000,000 in refinancing partnerships, and nationally recognized government relations efforts. Housing co-operatives, along with CHF Canada and regional federations have built innovative ways of working together.
7. In developing this vision, CHF Canada and regional federations must study the successes and innovations of other co-op housing movements worldwide, and assess how these could be applied or modified in the Canadian legal, cultural, and social environment.

WE THINK THAT THIS WILL COST:

We believe this consultation can be included in CHF Canada's overall budget for member engagement.

OTHER REMARKS:

This resolution has been endorsed by:

- Central Ontario Co-operative Housing Federation (COCHF)
- CHANAL Inc.
- Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia (CHF BC)
- Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (CHFT)
- Golden Horseshoe Co-operative Housing Federation (GHCHF)
- Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federations (PHCHF)
- Southern Alberta Co-operative Housing Association (SACHA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (X) SUPPORT () NON-SUPPORT () NEUTRAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

The Board of Directors supports this resolution. We agree with CHASEO and the other regional federations that a consultation with members toward a new vision is both timely and valuable.

The board encourages delegates to support this resolution, and to participate in these discussions, which will take place across Canada.