

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## Welcome to the CHFT Team!

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto is pleased to announce that **Celia Chandler** will be joining the staff as the Deputy Executive Director. You may be familiar with Celia from the many workshops she's presented at education events with Ontario Federations and across the country for CHF Canada.

Although many of you know Celia as a lawyer at Iler Campbell, before studying law Celia worked first at the City of Toronto and then for an environmental non-profit. Some of her responsibilities included managing a team that supported the functioning of City Council. At age 35, Celia returned to school at the University of Victoria where she received her Bachelor of Laws.

In 2005, Celia joined Iler Campbell LLP, a law firm serving many non-profits and co-ops in Toronto and beyond. She advanced to Co-ordinating Partner where she dedicated much of her time to strengthening ties with the housing sector. She left the firm at the end of 2022 to seek opportunities to work in housing more directly. The CHFT President, Namulinda Lester who was part of the selection committee



**Celia Chandler,**  
Deputy Executive Director

said, "CHFT is proud to welcome Celia Chandler to the management team at CHFT."

Celia will work closely with CHFT's Executive Director, Tom Clement, to strengthen the Federation in representing its 185 member co-ops and to work with co-op housing partners. Tom said, "I am looking forward to Celia joining our Federation in early March." And Celia tells us she couldn't be more excited.

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