



CHFT
CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING
FEDERATION OF TORONTO

Serving co-ops in Durham, Toronto and York Region.

Member Services

CHFT offers a wide range of services to housing co-ops. Our goal is to help our member co-ops build vibrant, well-managed communities.

Advice

CHFT provides advice to member co-ops on a wide variety of issues including

- subsidy administration,
- by-laws,
- dealing with conflict,
- confidentiality, and
- the Co-operative Corporations Act.

Meeting Support

CHFT staff is available to meet with co-op boards, committees, and members. We offer a mix of virtual, in-person and hybrid options.

We provide

- neutral chairs for difficult meetings,
- advice on co-op by-laws,
- help with elections,
- information on co-op roles and responsibilities, and
- assistance with hiring.

Education

We offer workshops on a variety of topics related to co-op housing with a mix of in-person and hybrid options. We also hold portable workshops at individual co-ops. A full schedule of virtual and in-person workshops will be offered in the Spring and Fall seasons.

Co-op Cost Cutters

Our bulk purchasing program provides huge savings for member co-ops. In recent years, co-ops have saved over \$550,000 a year on everything from appliances and co-op website design to unit inspections, renovations, and banking services. The banking service gives CHFT members bonus interest on their chequing accounts and term deposits, free courier deposits, and no charge for NSF cheques.

Government Negotiations

CHFT represents co-op interests to federal, provincial, and municipal politicians. We also assist CHFT members in dealing with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), The Agency for Co-operative Housing, Durham Region, the City of Toronto, and York Region.

Legal Services

Over the years, CHFT has worked closely with co-op housing lawyers to develop model by-laws, policies, and procedures for co-ops.

Website: www.chft.coop

Our website includes current information about what's going on at CHFT, local sector events, and resources for co-ops.

Members Meetings

We hold regular meetings for CHFT delegates. Our Annual General Meeting is normally held in May and our General Members Meeting in November.

Up to Date Information

CHFT sends an e-bulletin out to all member co-ops with information about events, job postings, and other information. Co-op Cost Cutters updates are sent out to announce specials and updated information. We also publish Co-op Focus, a report on all CHFT activities.

Development

Over the years, CHFT has helped develop 60 housing co-operatives. Despite government cutbacks, CHFT continues to work with member co-ops to expand the co-op movement. In 2024 on National Housing Day, The Mayor of Toronto officially opened 26 units at Riverdale Co-op. Fifteen of the new apartments are accessible.

Co-op Housing Awards

Every year, CHFT gives out a variety of Co-op Housing Awards. Awards are given to co-ops and co-op members in recognition of outstanding contributions to the co-op housing community.

CHFT Diversity Scholarship Program

Since 2004, CHFT has awarded scholarships to people living in member co-ops. Applicants must enroll in a full-time program at a publicly funded college or university, and show a strong commitment to promoting diversity in their communities.

Many accredited colleges and universities have partnered with CHFT to match our scholarship dollars

CHFT has awarded more than 1.9 million dollars to over 490 students.



CHFT is one of the five regional co-operative housing federations that make up the OCHF group.

WE ALL BELONG TO ONE COMMUNITY



About Us

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (CHFT) is a member-supported organization representing more than 50,000 people living in more than 185 non-profit housing co-operatives located in Durham, Toronto and York Region.

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