



## The PHCHF Year in Review



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[online version](#)  
of the 2023  
Year in Review!



## CELEBRATING

### Memories from 2023 Events

The CHF Canada AGM in Ottawa



Birch Glen celebrates 30 years



To date, PHCHF has provided 30 scholarships totalling more than \$110,000. The [online application](#) for the 2024/2025 school year is now live. The application deadline is Wednesday, March 20, 2024, by 4pm. [Here](#) is the promotional flyer. An Orientation is planned for 2024 for interested applicants.

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Twenty-five recipients were nominated by housing co-ops and received the Century of Co-operation Award plaques. The award honours our long-standing co-op members.



## Glen Mills Summer BBQ



PHCHF sponsored three participants to attend the CYL camp for 2023. See the camp in action [here](#).

## GROWING

### PHCHF Welcomes 2 New Members

Ahneen Co-op and The Meadows Co-op (both in Mississauga) bring our total up to 42 members out of 48 co-ops in the Federation territory. Welcome to the community!

#### PEEL REGION



#### HALTON REGION



#### DUFFERIN COUNTY



**88%** of co-ops in Peel Region, Halton Region, and Dufferin County are PHCHF Members.

## Thank You!

To our chairpersons, workshop facilitators, consultants, mediators and mentors; thank you for sharing your knowledge, skill and expertise.

Tania Amaral • Petr Bakus  
Sonia Byrne • Shawn Conway  
Emily DeKeyser • Kathy Dimassi  
Tracy Geddes • Elana Harte  
Diane Kirke • Kathy Long  
Dave McFarlane • Keith Moyer  
Francesco Robles • Judy Shaw

### Co-op Cost Cutters Adds New Supplier

Co-op Cost Cutters is a bulk buying program for housing cooperatives. In this, their 25th year, they added Pest Control Plus as a new supplier to the program. Stay connected about the suppliers and special promotions on the Co-op Cost Cutters [website](#).



**pestcontrol+**

  
**alterna savings**

Alterna Savings – a long-standing supplier in the Co-op Cost Cutters program – provides what larger financial institutions don't: unique products and services designed specifically for housing co-ops. Alterna is the financial institution of choice for many housing co-operatives in Ontario.

## Strategic Planning Pilot to Prepare for the End of Mortgage – Complete!

As part of a strategic planning program, Peel Halton, Central Ontario, and CHF Canada federations collaborated to assist four housing co-ops in planning for their long-term success. The pilot project aimed to promote strong governance, effective fiscal management, and sound leadership among the participating co-ops.



The pilot project included four housing co-operatives in different stages of End of Mortgage (EOM) planning. Three of the participating housing co-operatives were from Peel/Halton CHF, while one was from Central Ontario CHF.

As part of the pilot project, each of the participating housing co-operatives created a new logo for use in the communication, marketing, branding, and identity of their co-op. Creating and selecting various elements of the new logo proved to be a very unifying experience, and the attendees took great pride in seeing their creations completed.

**Next steps:** The four pilot co-ops have started to work on their End of Mortgage plans.



We continue to meet with all levels of government about the need to build, protect and support deeply affordable housing for Ontarians.

## Sample strategic plan



## Sample EOM roadmap



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

We continue our joint initiatives with CHFT, such as:

- our Spring and Fall Virtual and Fall One Day workshops completed with CHFT
- updating education materials, Tech Talk series and other webinars

## Exclusive PHCHF Services

As members, you get access to exclusive services, programs, and rates on:

- Education and resources
- Expert advice and support
- Save money with Co-op Cost Cutters
- CHIP: Make the most of your co-op's money
- Regular sector updates
- Services designed for co-ops

**Advice and support:** numerous phone calls and emails answered.

**Consulting:** includes Chairs, Mentors, Mediators, Tendering, Strategic Planning, and By-laws. More than 65 chairing and other consulting services have been provided.

**Education:** portable workshops, joint education events, Fall/Winter workshops.

Some topics include – Governance, Board Training, Board Basics and Member Selection.

- 16 Portable/virtual workshops
- New workshop for 2023 on Hybrid meetings
- Member Communication – twice a month sector updates are sent to member housing co-ops

## One Productive Year!

**4** pilot EOM projects

**16** workshops delivered

**24** sector updates

**42** co-ops supported

**65** services provided

**1,000+** calls & emails answered

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## Tools for success

In collaboration with other Federations, we are developing tools to address important issues that impact our members, such as the end of mortgage, cybersecurity, and best business practices. Check out our co-op business [resources and tools](#).

## SHARING

### Federation Partnership & Co-operation



**CO-OPERATIVE  
HOUSING  
FEDERATIONS**

Collaborating across Canada

Co-op housing sector organizations have always had close working relationships. This new logo will identify joint resources and initiatives that result from our collaborative work. Please look out for the logo as we develop more shared resources and initiatives in the coming months.

### We All Belong to One Community



**ONTARIO  
CO-OPERATIVE  
HOUSING  
FEDERATIONS**





## Sharing Co-op Stories



On the PHCHF website, you will also find a new link to our [Sharing Co-op Stories](#) page. We want to hear from you! Your unique experiences and stories are what make the co-op housing community thrive. Whether you've been a member for years or are new to the co-op, your viewpoint matters.

## Community Giving

The Federation donated to the following in 2023:



Rooftops Canada



Ontario Co-operative Association  
(Co-operative Young Leaders Camp)



CHF Canada AGM - Operation Come Home

## LOOKING AHEAD

### On the Horizon

For the remainder of the year and into the next, we are continuing to work on:

- Furthering the Strategic Planning Project and developing tools and supports for the End of Mortgage.
- Partnering with the Co-operative Housing Federations to collaborate on education materials delivery, including a common platform and best practices across Canada.
- Supporting co-ops to manage hybrid meetings, and working with new presentation tools to improve engagement for hybrid meetings.
- Developing business tools to support housing co-ops.

### Holiday Hours

The Federation office will be closed from December 18, 2023, to January 5, 2024, inclusive. From the Board and staff to all of you, we wish you the best of the holiday season and thank you for your continued loyalty and support. **See you in 2024!**

## PHCHF Turns 40 in 2024!



[Learn more](#) about our history and who we are!



*Happy Holidays!*

