

# Island Education Day

## June 4, 2022

### Workshop Descriptions

#### Theme: “Reviving Social Connectedness After Two Years

##### o Hot Topics – Top 5 (or 10) Co-op Matters Coming Across Your Lawyer’s Desk (New)

Come hear about the top 5 legal (and maybe not legal) issues crossing your lawyer's desk. You may be surprised at how many other co-ops are dealing with the same matters are your co-op. Let’s identify these problematic matters, and let’s talk about appropriate responses.

**Facilitators:** Grant Haddock and (an associate)

##### o Rebuilding Social Connectedness and Participation in Housing Co-op (NEW)

At the heart of co-op housing are a sense of community and social connectedness, as it provides different activities that members can participate in together. Yet, the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated social isolation, chronic loneliness, and anxiety — making it difficult for people to meet neighbours and friends. As the pandemic ease, social connectivity needs to be rebuilt after being in an online space for the past two years. Participants who join this workshop will gain important insights and explore frameworks, concrete strategies, and practical resources housing co-ops can actively adopt for reviving connections.

**Facilitators:** Michelle Iverson, COO; and Garfield Hunter, Education Director, CHF BC

##### o Keeping on Track: Records Documentation and Management 101 (NEW)

Housing co-ops are required to maintain accurate records to meet their legal obligations and ensure that members have shared information about the policies and decisions they have made and the results that are being achieved. The records should also be filed in a way that is organized and accessible to all members of the housing co-op. However, this can be an overwhelming task for many co-ops. In this practical workshop, participants will explore in-depth approaches and tools to minute taking, records and filing, and how to avoid challenges down the road.

**Facilitator:** Michelle Iversen, CHF BC, Chief Operating Officer

##### o Ask The Lawyers - Sublets, Roommates, and Occupancy Standards

Bring your most challenging questions to our expert lawyer, as they provide insight on occupancy standards challenges housing co-ops face, such as sublets, roommates, long-term visitors, over-housing, smoking, Airbnb, home businesses, breach of a material condition, detrimental conduct, occupancy termination and much more.

**Facilitators:** Grant Haddock and Bob Milne