

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 26, 2024
Richmond, BC

Delegates	47
Alternates	6
Observers	30
Directors, Staff, Guests	<u>53</u>
TOTAL	<u>136</u>

1. Call to Order

President and chairperson Suzann Zimmering called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m.

The chair welcomed members and guests to CHF BC's semi-annual general meeting. She directed members to the notice of meeting in the delegate handbook and confirmed that the meeting was duly constituted for the transaction of business. The chair welcomed members, directors and staff and thanked CHF BC's group buying partners and other guests for attending the meeting.

2. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Suzann Zimmering welcomed delegates to the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish First Nations.

3. Explanation of Meeting Procedures

The chair reviewed the rules of order and meeting protocols for in-person and online attendees at CHF BC meetings.

4. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C THAT the semi-annual meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

5. Approval of AGM Minutes

M/S/C THAT the minutes of the annual general meeting of November 19, 2023 be approved as circulated.

6. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of the annual general meeting.

7. Report from the Board of Directors

Vice President Anne Davidson delivered the report from the CHF BC Board of Directors. She directed members to the written report in the delegate handbook and shared some key highlights from the year including the new federal budget, developing the 2025-2030 strategic priorities, the purchase of 2 Coquitlam co-ops by the Community Land Trust and Rental Protection Fund.

M/S/C THAT the annual report of the Board of Directors be received.

8. 2024-25 Budget & Membership Dues

Treasurer Eric Finkel presented the 2024-25 budget and membership dues beginning August 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2025. He also delivered the report for the 2025-30 operational priorities:

- Organizational Viability
- Member service & education
- Communications & Advocacy
- Growth & Preservation

M/S/C THAT the 2024-25 operating budget for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2025 be received;

AND THAT membership dues for occupied housing co-operatives in the fiscal year ending July 31, 2025, be increased from \$4.35/unit/month to \$4.40/unit/month;

AND THAT membership dues for all other membership classes remain unchanged.

9. Report from CHF Canada

CHF Canada president Cassia Kantrow presented an update from the national federation, including comments on the federal budget and \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund, upcoming CHF Canada Annual General Meeting, and their advocacy for the previously announced Federal Co-op Housing Development Program to be launched immediately.

M/S/C THAT the CHF Canada report be received.

10. Member Forum: Strategic Planning

Staff presented several topics and asked members to rate CHF BC on the 2021-25 strategic pillars:

- 1) **LEADERSHIP & REPUTATION:** Position the co-op housing sector to lead the evolution of affordable housing solutions in British Columbia.
- 2) **BELONGING:** Inspire housing co-ops to be communities that promote and embody equitable access, opportunity, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.
- 3) **STRENGTH & SERVICE TO MEMBERS:** Build increased financial strength and resilience to offer the most comprehensive and effective services to support our members.
- 4) **SUSTAINABILITY:** Model and promote the principles and best practices of social, economic, and environmental sustainability in everything we do and encourage our members to do the same.
- 5) **GROWTH:** Champion the outgoing and significant development of co-op homes to expand our movement and increase the availability of co-operative housing in BC.

11. Other Business

The chair drew attention to upcoming events sponsored by CHF BC and invited delegates to visit the website for more information.

Prizes were awarded to delegates.

The chair noted that there was no further business to conduct and thanked everyone for attending the semi-annual general meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3:30 p.m. on May 26, 2024.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the minutes of the Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia held in the City of Richmond on May 26, 2024.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary