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# GRANVILLE GARDENS Bulletin

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## *You Hold the Key Campaign*

We need your help to urge the federal government to extend the rental assistance subsidy that supports low-income co-op members.

Households receiving subsidy pay 30% of their income toward housing, while the federal program covers the remaining balance. Last year, our co-op received over \$90,000 in support.

The Rental Assistance Program (FCHI-2) is set to expire in March 2028, but if funding is not included in this Fall's federal budget, subsidies could begin winding down as early as next March.

This support helps many seniors, single-parent families, and people with disabilities remain in their homes and communities.

Please scan the QR code, enter your name and postal code, and a message will be sent to our local MP and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Gregor Robertson. We also encourage you to share this with friends and family.



*Take Action*

SCAN THIS QR CODE



# Join the CHFBC Youth Committee



The CHF BC Board of Directors created the Youth Committee to amplify the voices, experiences, and leadership of young people in BC's co-op housing movement.

The committee will:

- Advise CHF BC on youth-related issues in housing co-ops, including affordability, governance, equity, and community life.
- Support youth engagement, leadership development, and participation in co-op governance.
- Identify barriers to youth involvement and recommend practical solutions.
- Contribute to youth-focused programs, outreach, and educational initiatives.
- Promote intergenerational collaboration within co-ops.

Youth Committee members will serve a two-year term with support from CHF BC staff and board members.

Interested?

Scan the QR code to complete the short application form, sharing any relevant experience and telling us why you would like to join the CHF BC Youth Committee. [You may also click this link.](#)

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### GRANVILLE GARDENS OFFICE

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### BOARD

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Sandra Nixon, President

Greg Elia, Vice-President

Emma Hunter, Treasurer

Christiane Aust, Secretary

Anne Davidson, Director at Large

Angie Galbraith, Director at Large

Darrin Williams, Director at Large

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Maintenance - Angie Galbraith

Landscaping - Christiane Aust

Participation - Nhemet Jaffer

Membership - Anne Davidson

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# BOARD UPDATE

## Progress on Asset Management and Funding Initiatives

The newly elected Board of Directors held its first meeting on Thursday, May 21, with a full and lengthy agenda.

With support from the Co-operative Housing Federation of BC (CHF BC), Sandra Nixon, President, completed the application for the FCM Grant and Low Interest Loan Program. The process required extensive reports and documentation and took considerable time to complete.

Our co-op had already passed the pre-application stage and received approval to submit a full application when the federal government announced it would no longer continue funding the program. However, FCM later confirmed that remaining funds were still available and invited our co-op to apply. Thanks to the efforts of Sandra and CHF BC, the application was submitted before the deadline. We are now awaiting the results.

In the meantime, regular maintenance continues, including basement and bathroom inspections and attic inspections in two buildings. Larger projects have been deferred under the Asset Management Plan until a decision is made on the FCM application. Unit inspections will begin shortly, and window cleaning is also being scheduled.

## Some Issues for Members to be Aware of

When a member transfers or moves out, the unit must be prepared for the next member. This may include renovations or updates such as painting, flooring, or bathroom improvements.

Normal wear and tear is expected. However, if a unit is left damaged, unclean, or missing items, the member may be charged for repairs, cleaning, or replacements. Repayment arrangements can be made if needed.

The Board carefully manages co-op funds, which primarily come from members' housing charges.

The co-op is responsible for maintaining the original patios, balconies, and backyard fences. However, member-added features such as decking, planter boxes, landscaping, or other front-yard improvements are the responsibility of the individual member to maintain, repair, or replace. If these additions become damaged or unsafe, the associated costs remain with the member.

## Office Co-ordinator

You may have met our new co-ordinator, Gia. We have all enjoyed getting to know her and work with her. She is currently on leave and her position is being filled temporarily with other NLM staff. We hope she will soon be back with us.

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Participation committee

The Committee is planning an Afternoon Tea on June 18 at 2 pm. If weather permits we will sit outside and have iced tea and snacks. Bring games and spend some time with your neighbours.

The summer BBQ is set for July 25 at 5 pm. Come have dinner and a relaxing evening.

Starting on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be Happy Hour on the patio outside the hall. Let's make the most of the summer and get outside. Bring whatever you like to drink and some snacks and spend time socializing after your busy work week.

### Aging in Place Committee

We have had two meetings; the last being a social tea outside the hall.

Recommendations for a second hand rail for upper units and grab bars in bathrooms have been passed on to the Maintenance Committee and are being addressed. We are looking for recommendations for a doorbell camera system and possibly a door release for the upper units for seniors. We would appreciate any recommendations.



### *Be Vigilant*

We have had a member's truck broken into in visitor's parking. We checked and it happened during the night by someone outside of the co-op.

There was also an incident where some men were walking into carports during the night.

Make sure you have nothing of any value in your cars or around you units and if you see suspicious activity, please call the police.

Let the office know about it but you need to call the police for action to be taken.

### *Secure Green Bins*

We've seen an increase in raccoons getting into green bins across the co-op, creating mess and attracting more wildlife.

Please help by ensuring that:

- Green bin lids are fully closed and secured
- Bins are not overfilled
- Bins are returned promptly after pickup
- Bins are cleaned regularly to reduce odors

Keeping bins secure and clean helps maintain a cleaner and safer community for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## LOCAL EVENTS & MEMBER RESOURCES



June 27 | 12:00pm – 3:00pm

### Central Park Burnaby – Picnic Site #1 (Across from Swangard Stadium)

Join us for some summer fun in the sun! CHF BC is hosting a free BBQ for Vancouver members at beautiful Central Park in Burnaby. Come enjoy delicious food, connect with fellow co-op members, and relax in the park. Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair! Everyone's welcome – we can't wait to see you there!

## *Century of Cooperation Awards*

**NOMINATE SOMEONE**  
INCLUDING YOURSELF!



**The Century of Co-operation award recognizes the significant contributions of older adults in housing co-ops to both their communities and co-ops.**

The award honours members of CHF BC member housing co-operative whose age plus years of living in housing co-operatives equals 100 years or more.

Here's the formula: (Member's age) + (length of time living in co-op housing, current co-op or other co-op)  $\geq 100$ . For example, a person who is 80 years old and has lived in co-op housing for 20 years qualifies with an even 100 years.

CHF BC traditionally recognizes the members on at annual ceremonies in Vancouver and Victoria each fall. Awards are sent to members unable to attend a ceremony. Some co-ops also recognize their Century of Co-operation award recipients at a general meeting or their own event.

We have recognized 374 members for this award since 2011.

# Spring CLEANING

We once again showed the true spirit of our community! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and helped make our co-op an even more beautiful and welcoming place. Your time, energy, and teamwork truly make a difference!

