



The Southern Alberta Co-operative Housing
Association
Special General Meeting
December 13, 2016

What does SACHA do for your housing co-op?

- **Protection:** Membership provides you with the confidence in knowing this is **'Your'** local Federation was organized and formed by you the membership. In 1985 it was decided by a base of volunteers from Southern Alberta that it was time to have our own federation. Our members recognized the need for specialized services specific to housing co-operatives in Southern Alberta. SACHA remains committed to providing these services to ensure that Alberta's housing co-operative sector remains strong, is sustainable and remains a viable housing model now and in the future.

What does SACHA do for you housing co-op?

- We offer services that protect our members from the complexities of doing business.
- Consultation on matters that are specific to housing co-operatives.
- We provide guidance and advocate for our members with CMHC and The Agency and other government agencies. Example: Employment Standards and Human Rights.
- Help you navigate the Co-operatives Act of Alberta.

What does SACHA do for our members?

- We unify our membership as a collective of housing co-operatives in Southern Alberta and across Canada.
- We honour and promote the 7 Principles of Housing Co-operatives. We follow and use these principles as they are the core of who we are as a co-op enterprise. Principle 6 is important to SACHA and is at the heart of what we do. We exist because of it.

“Co-operation among Co-operatives: By organizing together in federations, housing co-ops grow stronger and help to build a healthy co-op movement. Where they can, housing co-ops use the services of co-op businesses to meet their needs.”

More of what we do for you.

- Lobby all levels of government for the continuation of subsidies and further development of housing co-operatives.
- SACHA represents you at the Municipal, Provincial, and Federal levels of government along with other federations across Canada. We work in conjunction with CHF Canada but work independently for Southern Alberta.
- Work with legal counsel to ensure that accurate information is provided on specialized matters that will directly effect our membership. Example: Subsidy agreements.

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- We are active in lobbying for changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Our current objectives are: Property Taxes and Co-op Housing Development.
- Specialized referrals – Legal – Auditors – Consultants .
- Educate the public about co-op housing.
- Sector Affiliation: CHF Canada, ACCA, Rooftops, NACHA.

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- **Security:** SACHA has negotiated and implemented many programs in our Bulk Program that provide exceptional returns for our membership.
- **First Calgary Financial: Group Banking** – is an investment portfolio that pays 2.4% interest to our member co-ops. Co-ops are allowed 5 SACHIP accounts. This is the highest rate offered of any financial institution and is only available through SACHA and First Calgary.
- **First Calgary Refinancing Program** through SACHA offers a lower rate of interest than you would be able to secure in the regular market. SACHA and First Calgary relationship ensures that members receive the best rates.

More of what we do for you.

- Joint Sector agreement with CHF Canada – provides your co-op with 10% discount on membership dues with CHF Canada.
- Members of our Housing Co-operative receive higher rates on their personal investments with First Calgary.
- Phone consultations: advice and referrals are provided to members and individual members of housing co-ops.
- Effective Governance and Management: Education and consultations for our members. Strategic Planning – Goal Setting– Workshops – Mediation – Staff Training.

More of what we do for you.

- **Bulk Buying:** We negotiate fair pricing and quality products for our membership. If you are not familiar with our products please refer to our website for a full list of our partners and further details.
- **Our Partners:** First Calgary, The Brick, Canada Rug, AMRE, Staples, RONA (Lowes), Sherwin Williams, and Tidal Development.
- If there are providers you wish us to look into please contact: Brenda Davies at: brenda.sacha@shaw.ca or Colleen Rollinson at: colleen.sacha@shaw.ca

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- **Community:** SACHA encourages and facilitates communication among our members.
- We provide information and education in newsletters, on our website and on Facebook. We encourage you to follow us.
- We hold many events through out the year that help bring members together and to build community. Please plan on attending our Annual General Meeting, Education Events, Special Members Meeting and our Trade Fair.

More of what we do for you.

- **Our Programs:**
- Education – specific to housing co-ops. Group settings or individual co-ops.
- RESPECT Series – Specialized workshops for housing co-ops to build community.
- Mediation Services
- Bookkeeping
- Property Management
- Annual Inspections
- Temporary Staffing Relief
- Staff training
- Board Training
- Strategic Planning
- HR Consulting



Our Proposed Budget

Presented by: Joanne Crouse, Treasurer