

April - June 2025

Quarterly Communications



Co-op Information

Vacancies

There are 2 vacant units that will continue to serve as temporary housing while renovations and upgrades are underway.

New Members

We are excited to warmly welcome 9 new members who have joined us this quarter.

Welcome, Roland, John, Zachary, Jonathan, Jennifer, Jacob, Kyra, Patricia, and Katelyn!

Grand Opening

Save the date -The Range Housing Co-operative's Grand Opening is coming soon! Join us on **September 8th, 2025**, for a celebration you won't want to miss.

A Grand Opening Planning Committee has been formed, including a mix of resident members, property management, governance support providers, and Board representatives. We're working hard to make this event memorable for all! If you want to get involved, please email Lydia at lydia.reardon@housingalternatives.ca.

Stay tuned for more details - we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Land Acknowledgement

This communication report is being sent from the City of Saint John/Menaquesk which is situated in the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik/Maliseet. The Wolastoqiyik/Maliseet along with their indigenous neighbours, the Mi'Kmaq/Mi'kmaw and Passamaquoddy/Peskotomuhkati signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s that protected their rights to lands and resources.

Planning

[2025/2026 Annual Planning Update](#)

The Board has successfully completed the 2025/2026 annual planning process, focusing on strategic initiatives and setting clear goals for the upcoming year. This planning ensures that we will stay on track with our targets and properly allocate resources throughout the fiscal year.

Goals for September 1, 2025 – August 31st, 2026:

- Enhance Member Engagement & Co-op Participation
- Increase Growth and Visibility Through Strategic Community Engagement
- Policy & Resource Development

These goals are designed to strengthen the co-op's operations, improve member involvement, and position us for sustainable growth.

The 2025/2026 Annual Plan can be found on both the Board and Membership login portals of the website: <https://therangehousing.coop/>

*If you can not access the website portals, please contact Housing Alternatives for login credentials.



[General Meeting](#)

On May 14th, we held our General Meeting, with 52 Members in attendance. Members received an update on both the current and upcoming annual plans and approved the 2025–2026 Operating Budget.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend - your participation is essential. As a Member-controlled organization, the co-op relies on your engagement and support to function effectively!

General Meeting Feedback Survey

Thank you to the Members who completed the quick survey following the General Meeting. Overall, feedback was positive - about 85% of members felt informed, able to contribute, and understood the decisions made. Some members noted challenges with Zoom access, unclear language during discussions, and a fast-paced agenda.

We appreciate your input; it is incredibly valuable and helps us adapt and work towards creating a space where everyone feels welcome and able to participate.

CHF Canada AGM

Dale Smith joined 600 co-op members and supporters at CHF Canada's 2025 Annual Meeting in Toronto on behalf of The Range. The AGM featured workshops, networking opportunities, and important decision-making sessions aligned with the theme "Building Homes, Changing Lives."

We shared a "Co-operation Among Co-operatives" trade show booth with Compass NS, New Brunswick Community Land Trust Co-operative, New Brunswick Collaborative Housing Co-operative, and Unified Saint John Housing Co-operative. We gave away colored pencils and bookmarks at the booth.



Member Engagement

Member Engagement Strategy

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Member Engagement Strategy!

This initiative is designed to encourage a dynamic, collaborative community by actively involving Members in the life of the co-op. The strategy supports the goals outlined in the Annual Plan and places a strong emphasis on education and participation.

The three main pillars of this strategy are:

- Empowerment Through Participation & Service to Members
- Growth, Recognition & Sustainability
- Transparent Communication, Continuous Learning & Organizational Effectiveness

By building stronger connections and encouraging participation, we aim to strengthen the co-operative and ensure it continues to thrive with Member-led direction

The strategy can be found on both the Board and Membership login portals of the website:

<https://therangehousing.coop/login/>

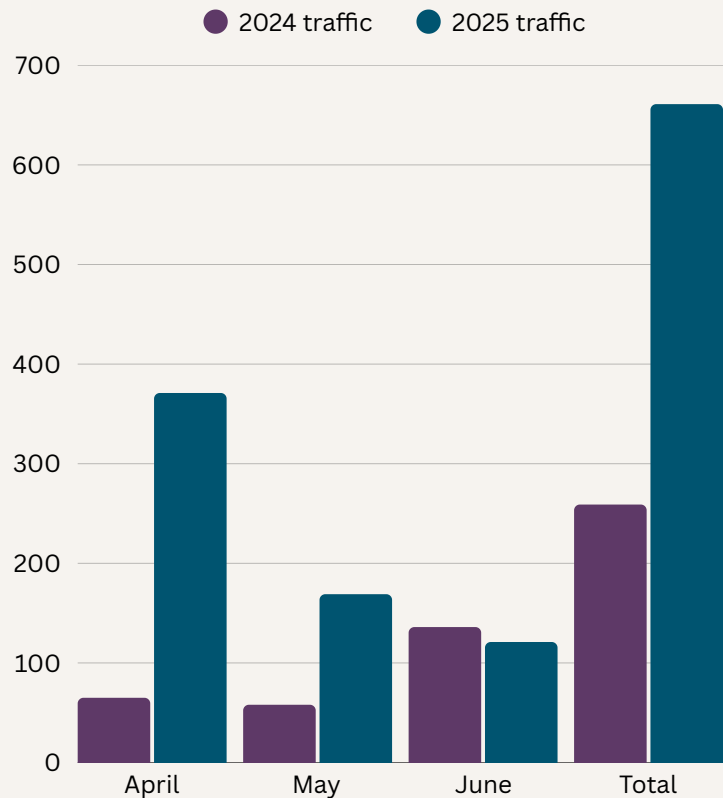


Marketing and Communication

Website

Website traffic has increased by 155% compared to the same quarter last year! This significant growth reflects the increasing engagement and interest in our content, thanks to your continued support.

The Homepage and the Member Login were the most visited pages last quarter. The Board and Members have password protected areas on the website, to access information and resources. If you require your login details, please email info@therangehousing.coop.



Stay Up to Date

Members are encouraged to regularly check the member portal of the website to learn more about your membership and stay up to date with the co-op activities.

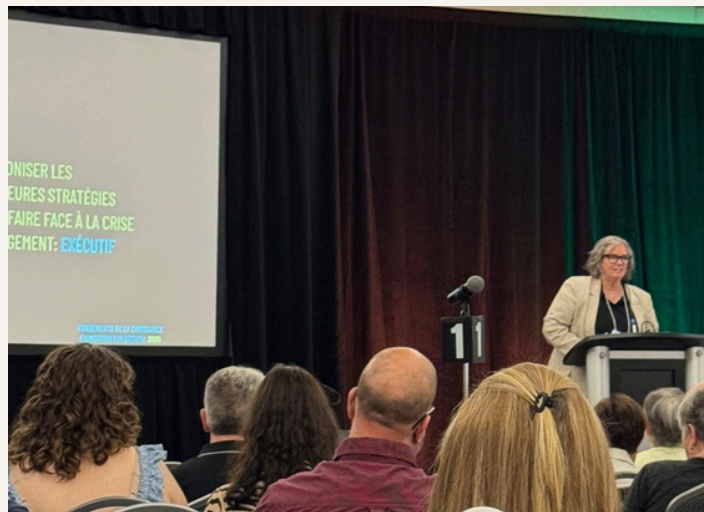
For any maintenance requests or inquiries regarding The Range Board, members should contact property management, Housing Alternatives, directly at (506) 632-9393.

Members of The Range can also access CHF Canada's library of co-op resources [here](#) and sign up to receive CHF Canada's eNews to stay up to date on upcoming events, CHF Canada services and benefits, co-op housing news, and more.



New Brunswick Non- Profit Housing Association

Three Board Members attended the New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association (NBNPHA) Conference in May 2025. The conference included the association's Annual General Meeting, trade show tables, keynote speaker, workshops, and networking.



Election Event

Board Members Dale Smith (pictured at right) and Allison Ferris attended a federal election event in Saint John, jointly hosted by CHF Canada and Housing Alternatives Inc. The event brought together co-op members, housing advocates, and community members to discuss expanding co-op housing and building a better future



Seasonal Heat Pump Maintenance

As we transition through the seasons, it's important to keep your heat pump in good shape to ensure optimal performance and energy efficiency.

Don't forget to clean or change your heat pump filters as recommended in your user manual. Regular maintenance- especially filter cleaning- helps prevent dust buildup, improves air quality, and keeps your system running efficiently.

By keeping your filters clean, you're also extending the life of your heat pump, reducing repair costs, and maximizing comfort in your home.

Need assistance?

If you do not have any filters, or if you're not comfortable changing or cleaning them yourself, please call **Housing Alternatives at 506-632-9393** and they will be able to assist.

Please note:

- **Some filters can be washed and reinstalled, while**
- **Others will need to be replaced-** check your manual for specific instructions on how often this should be done.

Taking a few minutes now can help save time and money later- thank you for helping keep your system in great working condition!

Service Technician Appointments

If you've scheduled an appointment, through Housing Alternatives with a service technician (e.g., a plumber or electrician), please ensure that someone is available to provide access to your unit at the scheduled time. If you are unable to be home, you must make arrangements for someone else to let them in.

Service providers often charge for missed appointments due to travel and preparation time. If an appointment is missed and the provider invoices The Range, **any associated fees will be passed on to the member.**

If you need to reschedule, please contact the service provider as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can notify Housing Alternatives, and they can assist with providing access if needed.



Sustainability, Growth and Development

New Development

We're thrilled to announce the completion of the new Visart Street units! After months of hard work and dedication, the development is officially finished, and new Members moved in as of June 1st.

This marks an exciting milestone in our co-op community's growth, and we are proud to welcome our new neighbors to their new homes!



Co-op Fun Fact

Did you know? Housing co-ops often provide more affordable living options than traditional renting or owning? In a housing co-op, members collectively own and manage the property, focusing on community rather than profit. In fact, housing co-ops have been around for decades, providing stable, long-term housing for the people who live there!

Sustainability

Renovations have officially begun, with two units already completed.

Housing Alternatives will be sending out a letter to Members, providing detailed information on what to expect during the renovation process.

What is included in the Renovation Funding?

The funding received for this project covers the following renovations:

- Removal of the wall between the kitchen and living room
- Flooring between the kitchen and dining room
- Drywall repairs where needed
- Reconfiguration of kitchen cabinets
- Countertop replacement (only for reconfigured cabinets, if required)
- Shower surround and bathroom flooring

We appreciate your patience as we work to improve our community. Stay tuned for further updates!

