

January - March 2026

Quarterly Communications



Planning

Save the Date: General Meeting.

Our General Meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2026, at 6:30 pm and will be held virtually. The option for hybrid meetings is being explored for future meetings to better accommodate all our members.

At the meeting, our members will receive updates on annual planning activities, review the proposed 2026–2027 operating budget, and consider one policy (Conflict Resolution Policy). A detailed meeting package will be shared with members closer to the date.



Your participation is essential! As a member-controlled co-op, we rely on your engagement and support to keep our community thriving.

Conflict Resolution Policy

Our board has approved a new Conflict Resolution Policy for The Range Housing Co-operative. This policy has been legally reviewed and provides a clear and transparent process for addressing and resolving conflicts, helping ensure that concerns are handled fairly, respectfully, and consistently for everyone in our community. The policy will be presented to members for approval at the General Meeting in May. If approved, it will be added to the Member Portal for all members to access.

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.

Bylaw Review Committee Update

The Bylaw Review Committee held its first meeting on March 12, with a mix of member residents, directors, and support staff in attendance.

The committee reviewed the current Bylaws, identifying areas for updates and items that may no longer align with current practices, all while ensuring compliance with the NB Co-operatives Act. They also discussed the approach, timeline, and next steps for the review process.

A short survey has been shared with all Range members to gather feedback on proposed Bylaw updates. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for early May.

Risk Management Program

Our co-op has enrolled in CHF Canada's Risk Management Program. This program helps us find and fix risks that could affect our co-op. Managing risks early can help prevent expensive problems or reduce damage if something goes wrong.

Because the board has committed to this program, our co-op will also receive a discount on our commercial insurance.

In February, board members took part in a risk management training session along with another local co-op, Unified Saint John Housing Co-op. They learned simple ways to spot risks and reduce them.

The next steps in the program include:

- **Unit Inspections:** We will inspect one-third (1/3) of our units and noting any issues using the Risk Management Plan template.
- **Risk Management Plan:** We will use the inspection results to complete a Risk Management Plan using CHF Canada's online tool. This plan will be reviewed and updated every year.



Member Engagement

[New Sustainability Resource for Members!](#)

We are happy to share a new resource with members. Sustainability is an important value at The Range. [Becoming Champions of Sustainability](#) gives easy, practical tips that members can use in their daily lives. This resource has been shared with members and can now be found on Members Portal through the Range website.

[CHF Canada's 2026 Diversity Scholarship](#)

Do you know an emerging leader who lives at The Range Housing Co-op? If they are enrolled in post-secondary education, they may be able to apply for CHF Canada's 2026 Diversity Scholarship!

These scholarships help support people who are starting or continuing post-secondary studies. They are meant to encourage and support future leaders in the co-op housing movement.

Applications are open until May 31, 2026.

[Click here to learn more](#)



[Member Surveying Project](#)

Thank you to all Range members who participated in the recent survey. 90 surveys were completed, representing just over 49% of households.

The survey answers are now being reviewed and put together into a final report. Once it is finished, the report will be shared with all members.

The Range board will use the results to create the annual plan for the upcoming year. This will help make sure members voices and priorities are included in future planning.

Co-op Fun Fact

Co-ops are everywhere, sometimes in places you might not expect! Around the world, co-ops even have their own internet domain: “.coop”. This domain is only used by co-operatives and helps show their shared values and global connection. The Range uses the “.coop” domain for its website, proudly highlighting our place in the co-op community!

Co-op Information

Vacancies

There are currently 2 vacant units at The Range. These units will continue to serve as temporary housing while renovations and upgrades are underway.

New Members

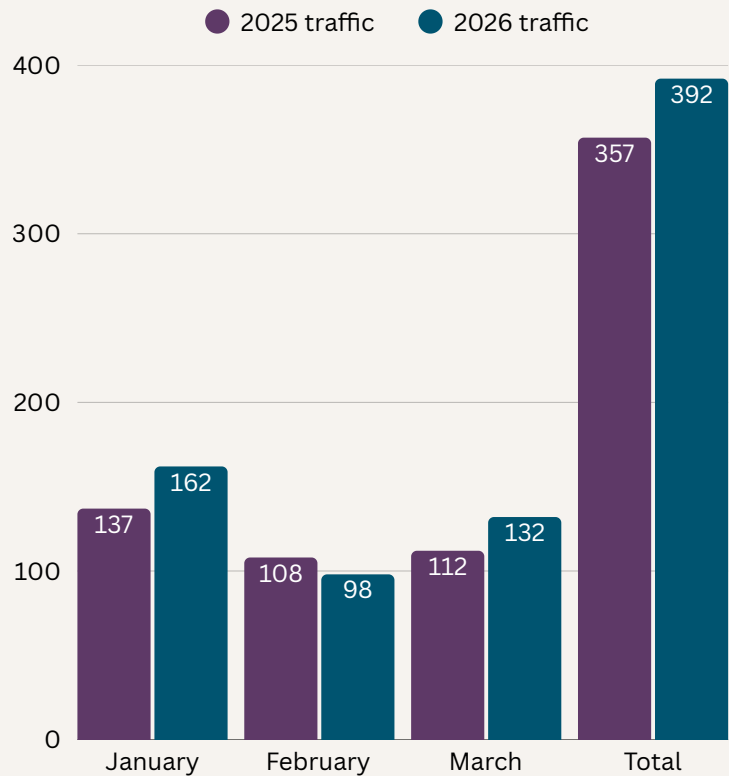
This quarter, The Range was pleased to welcome six new members to the co-operative: Desmond, Judith, Martins, Patti-Jo, Sabrina and Victoria!

Marketing and Communication

Website

Our website had 10% more visits compared to the same period in 2025. This shows that our outreach and communication efforts are working well. The increase may also be linked to the recent member survey, which likely encouraged more members to visit the website.

The Homepage and the Member Login were the most visited pages last quarter. Both board and members have access to password protected areas of the website where important information and resources are shared.



If you need help with your login details, please email info@therangehousing.coop.

Showcasing The Range at CHF Canada's AGM

Our co-op has been selected by CHF Canada to be featured in a "virtual co-op tour" video for the 2026 Annual Meeting, taking place in Fredericton this June. The video will introduce co-op members from across the country to the host community and will feature The Range along with Unified Saint John and the New Brunswick Collaborative Housing Co-operative.



As part of this virtual tour, one of our founding board members will share the history of The Range, and the current President will also take part. This is an exciting chance to show what makes The Range such a strong and welcoming community and to highlight how co-op housing works in real life.

Stay Up to Date

Members are encouraged to regularly check the member portal of the website. The portal has helpful information about your membership and updates on co-op news and activities.

For any maintenance requests or questions for The Range board, please contact our property manager, Housing Alternatives, directly at (506) 632-9393.

Members can also access CHF Canada's online library of co-op resources [here](#) and sign up for CHF Canada's eNews. The eNews shares updates about upcoming events, services and benefits, co-op housing news, and more.



- 📱 Open your phone camera
 - 📷 Point it at the QR code
 - 🔗 Tap the link that appears
- That's it!

Tip: If nothing happens, try a QR scanner app

Sustainability, Growth and Development

Ongoing Unit Renovations

Unit renovations to improve home layouts began in early 2025. So far, about 26 units have been completed.

What's included:

- Removing the wall between the kitchen and dining room to create a more open space.
- Bathroom upgrades, including new tub surrounds and new flooring.
- Other improvements like new flooring in the kitchen and dining area, drywall repairs, and painting in affected areas.

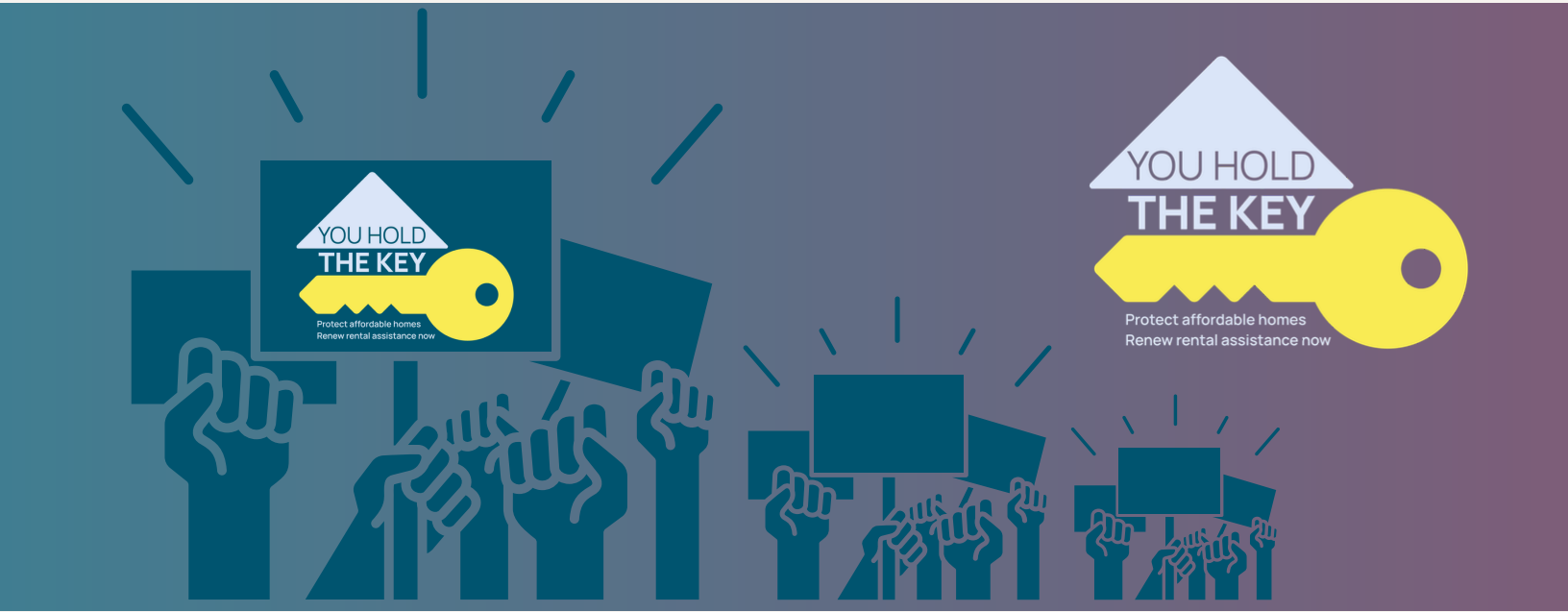
Important notes:

- Kitchen islands and cabinet replacement are not included
- Housing charges will not increase; the work is funded through CMHC
- Units with a wall between the kitchen and dining room are being done first, but members may choose to opt out.

Next steps: If you would like these renovations, or if you're not sure whether your unit is on the list, please contact the office at 506-632-9393 or office@housingalternatives.ca. More details about scheduling and how to prepare your unit will be shared before work begins.

Thank you for your patience as we continue improving our homes and community!





Rental Assistance

Thousands of low-income households depend on rental assistance through the Federal Community Housing Initiative (FCHI) and the Canada Community Housing Initiative (CCHI) to afford their co-op housing charges. Both FCHI and CCHI are scheduled to end in March 2028. Without a federal commitment in Budget 2026 to renew these programs, thousands of low-income co-op households face the risk of unaffordable housing costs and potential displacement.

CHF Canada has launched a public-facing, member-engaging campaign, You Hold the Key: Protect Affordable Homes. Renew Rental Assistance Now., to call on the federal government to renew rental assistance programs that are essential to the sustainability of housing co-ops across Canada.

What can you do to help:

- Send a letter to your MP
- Join the virtual rally on May 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm
- Stay informed
- Spread the word to friends and family, and have them sign up too.

**We need more affordable homes, not fewer.
We need to act now.**