



## October 2017 Newsletter

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### Building Partnerships Conference Register Now!

MNPHA's 5th Annual Building Partnerships Conference is only a little over a month away. The conference, which will be held at Winnipeg's Victoria Inn on November 21-23, will feature two special guest speakers: Shaun Loney, author of "An Army of Problem Solvers" and Tim Hague, who partnered with his son to win the 2015 Amazing Race Canada.



[ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) is now open so don't delay. Click today.

A preliminary conference program is also available for downloading on our [conference web page](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference.

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### Deadline Extended for 2017 Spirit of Housing Awards Nominations

It's not too late to submit a nomination for one or more of the three Spirit of Housing Awards presented annually by MNPHA.



Awards are presented in three categories: leadership, service and achievement.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is **October 13, 2017**. The awards will be presented at the Building Partnerships conference in November.

To access our awards info package and access downloadable nominations forms, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Job Board feature added to MNPHA website

Have a position you are trying to fill in your organization? MNPHA is now accepting job postings for display on its website.

The Job Board is located under the Resources tab on the [MNPHA home page](#).

To have your position added to the board, send the pertinent information to:

[execdir@mnpha.com](mailto:execdir@mnpha.com)



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## Westboine Park to host Co-op Housing Day Event

Interested in cooperative living? On Saturday, October 21, the Co-op Housing Development Group (CHDG) in partnership with [Westboine Park Housing Co-op](#) will host the second annual Housing Co-op Day. Part of National Co-op Week, the open house will feature tours, information, kids' activities and refreshments.

[More info about the event ...](#)

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## Western Manitoba Seniors Housing Co-op to offer 63 more homes to Brandon seniors

*(Reprinted from CHF Canada National eNews)*

A hardworking group of community-minded seniors in Brandon, Manitoba have done it again!

After opening the doors on its 34-unit first phase in 2013, Western Manitoba Seniors Housing Co-op is now looking forward to welcoming 63 households into its second phase on May 1, 2018.

We reported previously on the innovative funding methods that this co-op used to finance its construction. In addition to federal, provincial, and municipal funding, the co-op also required its members to purchase membership shares ranging from \$17,900 to \$21,900 per unit, depending on unit size.

Of Phase Two's 63 units, 15 are at market rent and 48 are at an affordable rent. The membership shares for six of the affordable units were purchased by the City of Brandon to offer housing to low-income seniors, who will receive a rent-geared-to-income subsidy.

"It was a pleasure to support Western Manitoba Seniors in meeting this new milestone. We encourage other co-ops to follow their example and to draw on their skills and



resources to help create new co-op homes," commented Karla Skoutajan, CHF Canada's Director, Sector Development.

The co-op's treasurer, Harvey Douglas, has been one of the driving forces behind the co-op's success. With over 50 years' experience in construction and carpentry, he's pleased to note that the construction of Phase Two has been on schedule and under budget so far. "It's been a passion of mine since I was young to build quality homes as economically as possible for ordinary people who wanted a nice, comfortable place to live."

With the cost of housing increasing rapidly in Brandon, quality homes are out of reach for many. After the co-op built its first phase, it still had more than 50 households on its waiting list. With Phase Two nearing completion, that number has grown to over 150. It's clear that Western Manitoba Seniors is helping meet an important and growing need in its community.

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## Co-op Week 2017

Oct 15, 2017 to Oct 21, 2017

Co-op week is a celebration of Canadian co-operative and credit union members. Co-op Week is always celebrated during the same week as International Credit Union Day, which is the third Thursday in October of each year.

[More info ...](#)



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## Community Advisory Forum: Handling Private Information

Winnipeg Rental Network's fall forum will be examining how to handle people's private information while at the same time reaching out and enlisting support and resources for the individual. This will include discussion around establishing consent forms and intake forums as well as electronic communications such as social media.



Friday October 13, 2017  
9:00AM Registration | Wrap-up 3:30PM  
Carol Shields Auditorium  
Millennium Library  
251 Donald Street

Please RSVP by October 9 at [contact@winnipegrentnet.ca](mailto:contact@winnipegrentnet.ca) or call 204-417-2039

[Download the poster](#)

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Plan to attend this year's Manitoba Building Expo 2017. It's an annual event that features a large trade show where building industry folks exhibit their products and services. Some folks from Manitoba Housing have attended in the past and gained knowledge on many new products, services, and technologies, and used that knowledge to benefit Manitoba Housing.

When: Tuesday, October 17, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Where: The Victoria Inn and Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Ave., Winnipeg

Cost: FREE (Trade Show only) / Breakfast, Lunch and Learning Sessions are all EXTRA costs

[Register online](#)

Who should attend?

- Building Owners
- Property Managers and Building Operators
- Construction Professionals
- Project Managers
- Architects
- Engineers
- Purchasers
- Facility Managers

An attractive feature of this event is the free trade show. An attendee can easily tour the entire show in about 2 hours. There is good time flexibility because the show is open all day, which allows a person to plan their attendance based around their work schedule and commitments.

[Register online](#)

[More information about the event.](#)

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## National Conference on Ending Homelessness

RBC Convention Centre  
Winnipeg, MB  
October 25-27, 2017

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