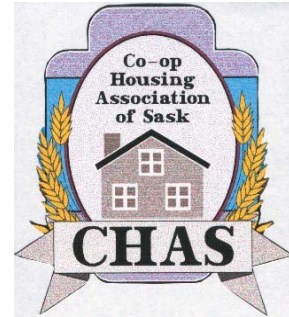


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About Housing Co-operatives

There are 17 housing co-operatives in Saskatchewan with over 900 members who live in a housing co-operative unit. Housing co-ops provide homes that are secure, affordable and filled with a sense of community. Operating on a non-profit basis, they are an alternative to other types of accommodation. Housing co-operatives cost less to operate than municipal or private non-profit housing and significantly less than public housing.

Fast Facts

- *Number of housing co-ops in SK* 17
- *Number of housing units* 841

Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS)

CHAS was formed in the early 1980's as a resource group, to assist in having housing co-operatives built in Saskatchewan. The organization also had a fee for service, for education and management support. The interest in CHAS slowly drifted off and CHAS was shelved for a few years. There was always some housing co-ops that kept it going by meeting its legal requirements according to the Co-operatives Act of Saskatchewan.

About four years ago more interest was shown in CHAS by dedicated members in the housing sector. At that time only three housing co-ops were involved on the board. With their energy and devotion, there are now ten co-ops represented on the board and they have a new focus. In the last three years they have accomplished a lot, including building a partnership with the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, starting a quarterly newsletter, developing a web site, as well as creating mission, vision, and motto statements, designing a new logo, and revising by-laws.

CHAS is small now but who knows what the future will hold. We want to be the voice of all housing co-operatives in Saskatchewan. CHAS is looking forward to the future and with that comes partnerships with other co-operatives, memberships, and challenges. Our voice, desire, drive, and optimism is getting stronger.

For more information about Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan go to www.coophousingsk.ca

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