

CCOC NewsNotes June 2015

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2015 Plant Program Update

The CCOC Plant Program grew in 2015, with 441 requests made this year! That's a 12% jump from the 393 requests we received in 2014 (which we blame on last year's cold spring).

Thanks to the amazing 97 volunteers who signed up to help with the Plant Program this year, we were able to distribute 4160 plants across our CCOC properties. Wow! We're looking forward to seeing how you beautify your homes.



CCOC staff and tenants helping with the Plant Program at Percy School



Canada Day - Office Closed

The CCOC office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1 for Canada Day. We will re-open at 9:00 am on Thursday, July 2.

Le bureau de CCOC sera fermé le mercredi, 1 juillet pour la fête du Canada. Le bureau sera ouvert à 9h00 le jeudi, 2 juillet.

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613-234-4065

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Rental ext. 0

Finance ext. 230

Communications ext. 240

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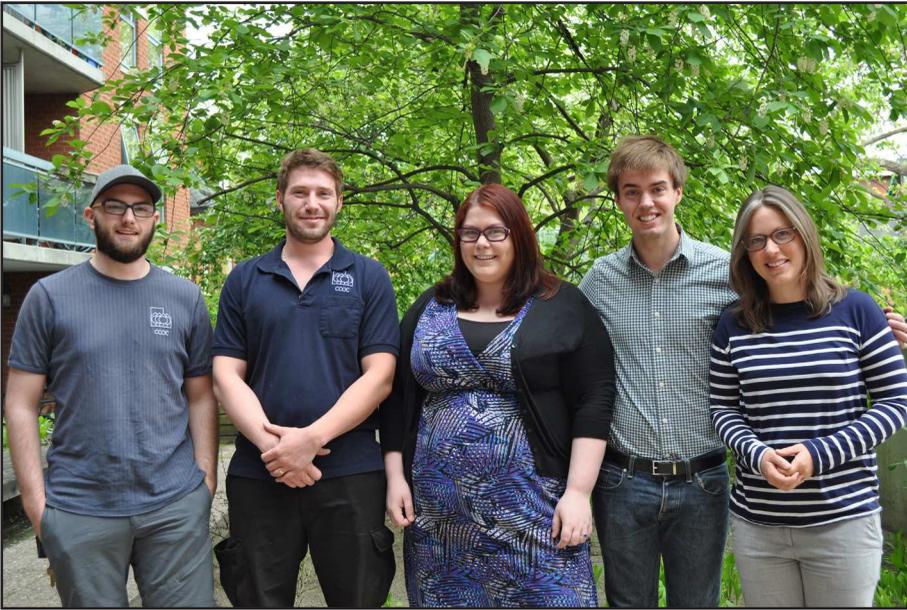
The deadline for submission is the 15th of the month.

Call Meg McCallum at ext. 240
(meg.mccallum@cchohousing.org)

www.cchohousing.org

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Welcome New CCOC Staff

Cedrick Ivall and **Rob Duhamel** are the newest additions to our Maintenance Department. Both Cedrick and Rob worked as cleaners for the school board prior to joining CCOC.

Erica Butler joins the Membership and Communications Department as Communications Officer. She has a background in marketing and fundraising, as well as a love of all things related to digital communications.

Left to Right: Cedrick Ivall, Rob Duhamel, Erica Butler, Kiefer Maracle, Jasmine Tranter

Kiefer Maracle and **Jasmine Tranter** will both be working in CCOC's

Development Department. Kiefer recently graduated from Carleton University with his Bachelors of Environmental Studies and is working as CCOC's Development Administrator. Jasmine has 4 years' work experience in land use planning and project management. She is a member of the Ontario Professional Planner's Institute and CCOC's newest Development Officer.

Congratulations Good Neighbour Award Winners!

We'd like to congratulate this year's Doug DesBrisay Good Neighbour Award winners.

Denise Campagnat and Michel Flibotte: This is the second time the couple has won the Good Neighbour Award, the first being in 2006. They were nominated by Carol Nixon, their neighbour of 16 years at 110 Nelson. Carol says her neighbours are the reason she is able to continue living independently. After she came home from the hospital last year, they took care of picking up her prescriptions and groceries, and helped with unpacking and laundry. Congratulations once again Denise and Michel!

Linda MacDonald: Linda was nominated for the Good Neighbour Award by Mary Davis of 258 Lisgar, whom she has known almost 30 years. Mary is blind and says if she needs something she knows she can always call for Linda — who has helped her with everything from doing her dishes to washing her windows, and even once fixed her fridge! Linda's kindness and friendliness are appreciated by all those who meet her. Thanks for being such a good neighbour, Linda!



Carol Nixon, Michel Flibotte and Denise Campagnat



Calinda Brown and Linda MacDonald

2015 - 2017 Board of Directors



Left to Right: Dallas Alderson, Calinda Brown, Azzah Jeena, James Clark, Bill Rooney, Josh Bueckert, Doris Zastre, Kerry Beckett, Kathleen Brault, Andrew McNeill, Lily Pepper, Ryan Saxby Hill, Nick Falvo
Missing: Glenn Allen

Y Membership Discount

Y CCOC tenants can obtain Y memberships at the Y Active Corporate Rate. This includes unlimited access to 7 local facilities, 3 fitness consultations, swimming lessons, programs for children and youth, specialty classes and more. For more information, call **613-237-1320 ext 5128**. Bring a copy of your most recent lease renewal to the Y membership desk and ask to sign up for the Y Active Corporate Membership.

Annual Membership Prices

Adult \$570 · Couple \$900 · Family \$1075

President's Address 2015



Calinda Brown, outgoing Board President

Three weeks ago CCOC held our annual “plant days”. We’ve been sharing flowers with tenants for 27 years now. Over that time we have grown from about 500 apartments to more than 1500 apartments. We’ve been planting roots and growing steadily every year.

I’ve been a CCOC tenant since 2007, and President since 2009. Over those years, I’ve seen a lot of that growth first hand. We’ve always built new homes, but over the past six years we’ve built five new properties (4 of them at Beaver Barracks!). That’s 283 new homes; almost 400 new tenants.

We’ve always helped other non-profits build new housing too, but over the past year we’ve really grown our partnerships. Through CAHDCO, our sister corporation, we’re now helping four other organizations develop new housing. Working with

them, CCOC staff will guide the start of construction on 140 new homes before the end of this year, and we have even more planned for next year.

CCOC has now also branched out to provide new services. In 2014 we started providing maintenance services to Ottawa Carleton Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) Nonprofit Housing. Their 200 tenants now get their cleaning from CCOC staff. They call us when their sink is blocked, and we keep their heat on, their grass cut and their homes in good condition. It’s a great partnership.

In 2014 we also worked with a broad coalition of private, co-operative and non-profit housing organizations, and other allies to encourage City Council to increase its commitment to affordable housing. While we’re still waiting to hear if we have been successful, we continue to build new alliances across the City and find new champions at City Hall.

We’ve been planting our roots for over 40 years now, and we’re still growing. Our mission remains the same: to create, maintain and promote affordable housing. But as we grow and stretch out, we find we can do these things for others as well. We can continue to do what we do best, and by working through others, expand our reach across the city. These are just new ways of achieving the same mission.

Elgin Street Public School Book Fair & Silent Auction

Thursday, June 11 - Sunday, June 14

Elgin Street Public School
310 Elgin Street, corner of Elgin and Gilmour

Book donations and silent auction items needed and appreciated.

Visit www.elginparentcouncil.org for more details and donation contact information.



ROBSI (Rideau Ottawa Baha'i Schools Initiative)



This overnight camp focuses on developing social and community building skills and learning to appreciate the natural world. The camp strives to be sensitive to and inclusive of all world faiths.

Camps are offered for children and youth from ages 14 to 17. For more information and to register, visit www.robsi.ca, or contact Monica at **613-592-1453** or information@robsi.ca.

Our Newest Lifetime Members

Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar presented Karen Batsch (left) and Calinda Brown (right) with lifetime memberships at our AGM in honour of their many years of service and dedication to CCOC.



Karen Batsch's Retirement Party

We'll be celebrating Karen's 30+ years with CCOC with a party at the Atomic Rooster! Feel free to join us and pass on your well wishes on Thursday, June 25 from 5 - 7 pm. We hope to see you there!

CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	JUNE	JULY	TIME
Membership & Communications	June 2	no meeting	7:00 pm
Development Committee	June 9	July 14	7:00 pm
Property Management Committee	June 11	July 9	7:00 pm
Rental Committee	June 16	July 21*	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	June 17	July 15	7:00 pm
Board	June 24	no meeting	7:30 pm

* Potluck meeting at 6pm. Call the office for details and location!



Where: Board Room at 415 Gilmour Street (ring 808). Call 234-4065, ext. 0 to confirm.

Note: CCOC will pay taxi fare and family care for committee members attending meetings.