

159 Forward Avenue Opening

We had a wonderful turnout at the 159 Forward Avenue Opening Celebration. Thank you to our sponsors, MBC Construction, Figurr Architects, and Zoom Photobooth. Thank you also to our special guests, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Councillor Jeff Lieper, Councillor Ariel Troster, and Lorrie Marlow of the Mechanicsville Community Association. We are very excited to welcome new tenants into the building this month!

A special thank you to the Tenant and Community Engagement Department for organizing a successful event and our volunteers for their help in making the event run smoothly.



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Capital Pride

In August, CCOC proudly marched in the Capital Pride Parade amongst thousands and celebrated our queer community. As an inclusive organization, belonging is important to us not only during Pride but all year. Thank you to everyone who showed up and showed out!



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CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule



STANDING COMMITTEES	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	TIME
Board	September 27	October 25	7:00 pm
Development Committee	September 12	October 10	7:00 pm
Facilities Management Committee	September 20	October 18	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	September 21	October 19	7:00 pm
Rental Committee	September 19	October 17	7:00 pm
Tenant & Community Engagement	September 11	October 2	7:00 pm

All committees meetings are virtual or hybrid. CCOC committee meetings are open to everyone! For more information, please call Laura at 613-234-4065 ext. 243 or email engagement@cchohousing.org.

Office Closed - Labour Day

Le bureau de CCOC sera fermé le lundi, 4 septembre pour le congé.
Nous retournerons au bureau à 9h00 le mardi, 5 septembre.

The CCOC office will be closed on Monday, September 4.
We will re-open at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 5.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - a day dedicated to recognizing the horrific legacy of residential schools, missing Indigenous children, their families, and the survivors of colonial institutions. It is also meant to encourage progress toward reconciliation and nurturing relationships with local Indigenous communities across Canada.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place annually September 30th and is also referred to as Orange Shirt Day.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous led movement and commemorative day established in 2013 that aims to raise awareness about the generational impacts of residential schools. The orange shirt is symbolic of the act of stripping away the truths, culture, freedom and experiences of Indigenous children over a multitude of generations.

CCOC acknowledges that our office and all other CCOC properties are located on the Algonquin Territory and we pay respect to the Algonquin people, who are the traditional guardians of this land. We acknowledge their longstanding relationship with this territory, which remains unceded. We are grateful for the privilege of doing our work here. We also acknowledge the harm and generational trauma that settler colonialism and institutional violence has caused to Indigenous peoples and their children, and we chose to honor those victims and condemn those oppressive systems today and everyday.

- We invite you to join us in learning more about reconciliation and Indigenous identities.
- Locate unceded and traditional land: www.whose.land
- Learn more about the closest community: www.algonquinsopikwakanagan.com
- Find out the origin of Orange Shirt Day: orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story/
- Learn more about the Government of Canada's actions and initiatives: www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html
- Check out a book from the Ottawa Public Library's Truth and Reconciliation Reading List

Rent Setting Resolution

The CCOC Board of Directors has approved a 2.5% rent increase for 2024. This is consistent with the Provincial guideline. Tenants will receive individual information with their 2024 lease renewal packages. The team will be able to assist you with any questions as your lease renewal nears.

At the CCOC Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May, the Membership approved a Rent-Setting Resolution that will clarify how CCOC sets rents in the future. These new guidelines will be in place for the 2025 rent-setting conversations in summer 2024. You can read more about the rent setting resolution in the August 2023 NewsNotes.

New Asset Limits

The rules changed again for households with a rent subsidy. As of July 2023, the City of Ottawa had to set asset limits for households receiving rent subsidies following changes made by the provincial government.

As a result, you will see new forms and changes to forms you get at renewal time if you have a rent subsidy. Please read all of the information in this year's renewal package carefully and contact the Rental Department if you have questions. You will notice the pink form has changed and that there is now an orange sheet explaining assets and what documents you could provide if needed.

For many households, asset limits will not change anything for you, but you need to declare them on your pink Household Consent and Declaration anyway.

- If your household has 1 person and you have \$40,000 or less in assets, you do not need to provide documents to CCOC. Just list them on your pink Household Consent and Declaration form.
- If your household has 2 or more people and you have \$65,000 or less in assets, you do not need to provide documents to CCOC. Just list them on your pink Household Consent and Declaration form.
- If everyone in your household receives Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support (ODSP), then asset limits do not apply to you.

We know change is difficult. Please wait until after you have received your package to contact the Rental Department with any questions. The team will be best able to assist you as your lease renewal nears.

Community Health Centres

Community Health and Resource Centres (CHRCs) offer a wide range of programs and services that serve the needs of the community. Are you looking to get in touch with your local CHRC? Go to coalitionottawa.ca to locate the centre closest to your home. The Centretown Community Health Centre and The Somerset West Community Health Centre are both located in Centretown, but there are many more around Ottawa.

Many of the free services offered by CHRCs support marginalized low-income residents both in English and French. You can browse all the services and resources available at each centre online.

CHRCs strive to ensure that their programs and services are accessible. Healthcare, food security, legal and financial, life skills and education, mental health and addiction, as well as employment resources are among the many useful services offered. Check out your local CHRC—they exist to serve you!