

# Kathleen Blinkhorn Indigenous Student Scholarship

Ontario Non-profit Housing Association's (ONPHA) Kathleen Blinkhorn Indigenous Student Scholarship supports Indigenous students living in non-profit housing in Ontario. Each scholarship winner receives \$2,000 for use towards their post-secondary education costs, like tuition, books, technology and transportation.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- must identify as an Indigenous person
- must be living in non-profit housing (like CCOC!) in Ontario during the school term
- must be enrolled in a program at a recognized college, university or private trade school for the 2024-2025 school year, or program equivalent

Consider applying today! **Deadline is Friday, May 31, 2024.**

[https://onpha.on.ca/Content/Membership/Scholarships/Kathleen\\_Blinkhorn\\_Indigenous\\_Student\\_Scholarship\\_2024.aspx](https://onpha.on.ca/Content/Membership/Scholarships/Kathleen_Blinkhorn_Indigenous_Student_Scholarship_2024.aspx)

# Staff Spotlight: Tenant and Community Engagement Department

The Tenant and Community Engagement (TCE) department is a small, but mighty team. We consider ourselves pretty lucky to lead a lot of fun projects.

The TCE department supports volunteer engagement, community gardens and the Camp Fund. We also organize community events like our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party, Plant Days, building opening events, the Annual General Meeting and more!

When tenants have creative ideas to engage their neighbours, we are here to listen and help bring your ideas to life.

TCE values two-way communication with tenants. We collect feedback from tenants via surveys like the biannual tenant satisfaction survey (coming summer 2024) or maintenance feedback surveys, and we share information out via social media, the monthly NewsNotes, the annual calendar/tenant handbook and more!

We can't wait to see you at some of the upcoming events this Spring!



# CCOC NewsNotes April 2024

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## Annual General Meeting

CCOC's Annual General Meeting is coming up **May 16, 2024**. Become a member, attend and learn more about how your housing is run!

### Become a member!

Members can vote at the Annual General Meeting. They can also join committees and run for the Board of Directors. Anyone who supports CCOC's Mission Statement and Values can become a CCOC member. CCOC membership is valid for one calendar year.

To become a CCOC member:

1. Read and agree to uphold CCOC's Mission Statement and Values.
2. Complete the Membership form online at: [cchohousing.org/get-involved/ccoc-membership](https://cchohousing.org/get-involved/ccoc-membership)

### Questions?

Contact us at [engagement@cchohousing.org](mailto:engagement@cchohousing.org) or **613-234-4065 ext. 0**.

### Run for CCOC's Board!

If you enjoy building community, fostering good governance, and providing strategic direction - joining the CCOC Board of Directors is for you!

The Board of Directors at CCOC consists of 10-14 members who are elected at our Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to get involved with CCOC governance and connect with likeminded people. Board members commit to at least a 2 year-term and are expected to attend board meetings once a month for two hours, as well as sitting on at least one other committee of the board.

Board Elections will take place at this year's AGM on **May 16th 2024**. For more information on the election process, timelines, roles and responsibilities, accommodations, or if you are interested in running this year - please check out our website at [cchohousing.org/get-involved/jointheboard/](https://cchohousing.org/get-involved/jointheboard/)

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## CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	APRIL	MAY	TIME
Tenant & Community Engagement	April 8	No meeting	7:00 pm
Development Committee	No meeting	May 14	7:00 pm
Facilities Management Committee	No meeting	May 22	7:00 pm
Rental Committee	No meeting	No meeting	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	April 18	No meeting	7:00 pm
Board	May 1	May 29	7:00 pm



CCOC committee meetings are open to everyone! For more information, please call **613-234-4065 ext. 0** or email [engagement@cchohousing.org](mailto:engagement@cchohousing.org).

# Get your chute together!

If your building has a garbage chute, please treat it right. Blocking the garbage chute is frustrating for your neighbours, who are then unable to use it and it is costly for CCOC to have to unblock and clean chutes more frequently.

## Common Culprits

- **Pizza boxes, and other cardboard boxes:** Unbroken down cardboard is one of the most common blockages of chutes! The best place for a greasy pizza box is the green bin while clean cardboard should go in recycling.
- **Loose, gross garbage:** Leaving the chute coated in food waste or pet litter can cause odour and pest problems. If your building has a green bin, that's the best place for food waste and cat litter.
- **Oversized bags:** We appreciate that you bagged your garbage, but make sure it is the right size to fit in the chute. If it is too large, take it downstairs.
- **Leaving the door open:** In the event of a fire, an open chute can allow oxygen to flow and spread a fire more quickly. The chute door has a fire damper, so keep it closed!
- **Leaving items on the floor:** Just please don't.

If you are already properly separating and disposing of your waste, **THANK YOU!**

If you have questions about sorting your waste, check out the City of Ottawa waste sorter: <https://ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/recycling/waste-explorer>, or contact us at [engagement@cchohousing.org](mailto:engagement@cchohousing.org)

## Fire Safety: Always have an escape plan!

It's important to prevent fires, but you should also have a plan in case a fire does happen.

Here are some tips that should be part of your escape plan:

- Know where all the exits and fire alarm pull stations are.
- Plan two escape routes. Walk the distance, count your steps.
- Make a simple floor plan that shows both exits and a meeting place outside.
- Practice your escape plan during the monthly fire alarm testing.
- Hallway and stairwell lights might go out during a fire. Keep a flashlight near your door so you can find your way in the dark.

# Spring is coming soon!

## Sign up for a garden

CCOC has community gardens at 14 of our properties. If there is a garden at your building, sign up for a plot!

<https://cchohousing.org/tenant-services/garden-sign-up/>

If there is not a community garden at your building and you are interested in gardening there are still options to get gardening.

## Join a community garden

Sign up for a plot in your neighbourhood. The Community Garden Network has a map where you can identify the community gardens nearest to you. <https://justfood.ca/community-gardening-network/community-gardening-network-guide/>

## Roofdecks and gardens

CCOC will begin unlocking roof decks and turning on outdoor taps the first week of May.

## Balcony gardening

CCOC gives out plants on Plant Days and they are great for balcony gardening.

The City and Just Food usually run a seed and soil program each year where you can get seeds and soil for your container garden for free! Keep up with Just Food for more information coming soon about the 2024 program.

<https://justfood.ca/seedandsoil-2/>

## Plant Days

Remember Plant Days are **May 4 and 5**. If you requested plants, we'll be contacting you closer to the date with details on how to get your plants.

We are still looking for a couple of volunteers at **2100 Scott** and **345 Waverley** to be responsible for accepting plant deliveries, and ensuring the plants are counted, sorted and delivered. If you live here and are willing to help out, please contact Hannah at [engagement@cchohousing.org](mailto:engagement@cchohousing.org) or 613-234-4065, ext. 240.

