

# Member Involvement Policy

## Article I - Purpose of the Policy

- 1.01 (a) A housing co-operative is collectively owned and controlled by its members. The right of members to determine how the co-op will be run brings with it the responsibility to participate actively in the co-op. Participation involves taking part in decision making at meetings of the members and assisting with the ongoing development of the co-operative community.
- (b) This policy sets out the participation responsibilities of each member. It is designed to ensure that the responsibility for governing the co-op is shared equally and fairly among members, and that sufficient volunteer resources are available to meet the requirements of the co-op.

## Article II - Participation Required

### 2.01 Attendance at Meetings of Members

- (a) Each member is required to attend all general meetings of members unless prevented by illness, emergency, work schedule or other reason which the Board of Directors (the Board) considers acceptable.
- (b) If a member is unable to attend any general member's meeting, the member must provide the co-op with verbal notice that he or she is unable to attend. This notice must be given in advance of the meeting unless prevented from doing so because of an unforeseen emergency.

### 2.02 Assisting in the Activities of the Co-op

In addition to attending member's meetings, each member has the right, and is encouraged to, assist in the activities of the co-op by serving on the Board, or on a committee or by helping out with other necessary tasks. EG: cutting lawns, delivering flyers, etc.

The participation requirements referred to in this Policy apply to each member of the co-op whether the member lives alone or with other members.

### 2.03 Exemption from Participation

By writing to the Board, a member may be exempt either temporarily or indefinitely from attending general members meetings as outlined in Section 2.01. Grounds for exemption may include illness, infirmity, participation in other levels of the

co-op sector or other reasons which the Board considers to be acceptable.

**PASSED** by the Board of Directors and sealed with the corporate seal of Peterborough Co-operative Homes this first day of February, 2000.

**CONFIRMED** by at least 50% plus 1 of the votes cast at a general member's meeting and sealed with the corporate seal of Peterborough Co-operative Homes this 24th day of May 2000.

**REVISED** by the Board of Directors on August 14, 2007

**CONFIRMED** by the Members on September 26, 2007