



# The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association

## Membership Guide









# CHRA is the voice of Canada's community housing sector

## About Us

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***We believe that community housing is the key to unlocking a Canada that is fair, inclusive, and affordable for all***

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association was established in 1968 as a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and strengthening the social and non-profit housing sector. Our mission is to lead and provoke system-wide action toward the right to housing for all by serving as the national voice of the community housing sector and by creating the conditions for community housing providers to achieve their goals. We advocate for improved housing policies and programs that keep housing affordable, expand housing capacity, and work to end homelessness. We support a sustainable housing profession and work to connect the broader sector, including CHRA members who collectively house and serve hundreds of thousands of people living in or seeking affordable housing.



### Our members include:

- Housing providers
- Municipalities
- Provincial and territorial housing departments
- Service and support agencies
- Housing associations and networks
- Non-profits
- Business partners



# What we do

## Advocacy

CHRA is the voice of Canada's community housing sector. We engage our members to ensure their voices are heard by federal decision-makers. Through advocacy, research, and relationship-building we work towards our shared goal that all who live in Canada have access to safe, affordable, appropriate housing

## Indigenous housing leadership

The Indigenous Caucus is the leading forum of its kind in Canada, bringing together urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing providers to advocate for and address the unique housing-related challenges faced by Indigenous peoples. The Caucus is a leading national voice in the 'For Indigenous by Indigenous' housing movement

## Professional Development

CHRA administers the Housing Professionals Mentorship Program, which connects today's leaders in community housing with the leaders of tomorrow to help strengthen and build sustainability into the sector, and the Chartered Institute of Housing Canada, which is leading the way in creating educational opportunities and professional designations for housing professionals across Canada

## Knowledge sharing

Our newsletters, webinars, blog posts, and social media channels inform our members on the latest news and practical knowledge from the housing sector. Our Annual Congress on Housing and Homelessness brings together hundreds of housing sector experts, leaders, professionals, government officials, and more for three days of learning, networking, and celebrating the community housing sector



# Why become a CHRA member?

Your membership plays a key role in strengthening the community housing and homelessness sector. We unite the sector with events, webinars, interest-based working groups and a board of directors that reflects our diverse membership. Become a CHRA member and:

- Add your voice to CHRA's federal advocacy efforts to strengthen community housing and eliminate homelessness by participating in events, advocacy campaigns and more
- Guide the development of progressive housing policies that influence federal government decision-makers
- Participate in committees that design and discuss best practices in housing
- Become a member of the Indigenous Caucus and participate in policy making to strengthen urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing
- Receive updated communications on key developments, policy changes, federal legislation, and other timely information you need
- Learn about best practices and leading-edge research through regular webinars and other learning opportunities
- Participate in members-only events such as political meetings, consultations, and online updates, and receive briefings on key national policy developments from senior federal decision makers and officials
- Get a reduced rate at our National Congress on Housing and Homelessness
- Promote your organization through advertising and sponsorship opportunities on our website, in our publications, and at our events
- Get your job postings listed for free on our job board (\$200 for non-members)
- Become a mentor or mentee in the Housing Professionals Mentorship Program (HPMP)
- Run for a Board of Directors position, present resolutions, and vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Nominate a deserving colleague or receive a CHRA Award of Recognition
- Take advantage of special members-only discounts and programs through our Affinity Program

**Join CHRA and work with us  
to unlock a Canada that is fair,  
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fees, and how to join: [chra-achru.ca/our-members/](http://chra-achru.ca/our-members/)**



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