

MINUTES

ADVISORY FORUM MEETING, CHF MANITOBA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2001 1:00 P.M.

VISCOUNT GORT HOTEL, 1670 PORTAGE AVENUE, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

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**CHAIR:**

Stephen Troubridge, Westboine Park

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Jocelyn Peifer, Director, Manitoba Operations

**PRESENT:**

Mel Willis, Manitoba Regional Director, CHF Canada

Rudy Comeault, Delegate, Westboine Park, Carpathia and Willow Park East

Cynthia DeFreitas, Delegate, Central Park

David Foltz, Director, Central Park

Edward Joseph, Delegate, Central Park

James Bainard, Delegate, Willow Park East

Dave Gartside, Staff, Carpathia

Cathy Whitfield, Staff, Carpathia

Sandy Francis, Westboine Park

Linda Ferguson, Delegate, Village Canadien

Mary Lou Hockley, Delegate, Westboine Park

Pat Jorgenson, Delegate, Shalom Gardens

Len Kalinski, Delegate, Shalom Gardens

Wes Hosler, President, CHF Canada

Joan Skeene, Delegate, Harambee and Solidarity

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stephen Troubridge called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2.0 MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2001 ADVISORY FORUM MEETING**

**MOTION:** *“Minutes of the May 2, 2001 Advisory Forum meeting be approved as circulated.”*

*Moved Mel Willis. Seconded Mary Lou Hockley. Carried.*

### **3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Stephen Troubridge went through the business arising section included in the meeting package.

### **4.0 CHF MANITOBA OPERATIONS UPDATE & FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jocelyn Peifer highlighted her activities from May 15 to October 27, 2001 and the financial report for the CHF Manitoba Office operations in a written report included in the meeting package.

**MOTION:** *“Approve the CHF Manitoba Operations Update and Financial Report as presented and circulated.”*

*Moved James Bainard. Seconded Mel Willis. Carried.*

### **5.0 PRESENTATION OF 2002 MANITOBA OFFICE BUDGET & 2002 MANITOBA DUES LEVY**

Stephen Troubridge highlighted the proposed 2002 Manitoba Office Budget and the resolution for the proposed increase in the 2002 Manitoba dues levy.

There was discussion on increasing the dues levy to \$2.25 per unit per month to provide a way to offset the other income amount of \$500.00 that had been included in the budget proposed by CHF.

**MOTION:** *“WE RESOLVE THAT the budget for the CHF Canada Manitoba Office for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002 be adopted as presented and that the following schedule of the member dues levy for 2002 be adopted.*

*Moved Linda Ferguson. Seconded James Bainard. Carried.*

#### **SCHEDULE OF 2002 MEMBER DUES LEVY CHF MANITOBA OFFICE**

Housing Co-ops	\$2.25 per unit per month
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Student Housing Co-ops	\$4.74 per room per year
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There was also discussion about the importance of the operations of the Manitoba Office to be directed and controlled by the Manitoba membership and the Manitoba Advisory Forum rather than by the National Office of CHF Canada.

## **6.0 CHF CANADA BOARD REPORT & UPDATE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AGENCY**

Wes Hosler gave a brief report on the activities of the CHF Canada board and gave an update on the negotiations for the non-governmental administration agency that CHF Canada is undergoing right now with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Recent negotiations that were held earlier this week went very well and it clearly looks like we are going to have a deal. There are some issues still to resolve, but overall things look good. The negotiating group will meet again in November. We are hoping to have an agreement in place in principle by the end of 2001. Once the negotiations are complete then CHF will begin the next step, which is the formal set up of the agency organization.

Wes Hosler encouraged the CHF Manitoba Office to keep recruiting new members to CHF Canada as we have the lowest affiliation rate across the country. David Foltz asked about what activities the Manitoba office does with regards to recruiting new members. In response, Jocelyn Peifer highlighted some of the Manitoba Office's activities in the area of recruitment that were included in her written report. It was noted by several delegates that their management had previously not encouraged their co-op to be a member of CHF due to cost, lack of services, they could provide the same service, etc. Jocelyn Peifer acknowledged that this is a challenge for recruitment of several co-ops in Manitoba that are serviced by some management companies.

Wes Hosler noted that the proposed federal social housing program that Jocelyn Peifer referred to in her report could provide funding for rehab projects in downtown Winnipeg. Rudy Comeault noted that the development of the Eaton's Building in downtown Winnipeg was a key part of the refurbishment of the downtown. It is important that this building not be destroyed to make way for an arena but rather to be re-developed to provide housing. Rudy Comeault encouraged those present to contact their MP and MLA to note their support for re-developing the Eaton's Building as housing. He also asked that they note their non-support for the development of a hotel complex at the Forks site, but rather it keep it accessible to the public as a National Historic Park.

## **7.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to come before the meeting.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**     *“The meeting be adjourned.”*  
                  *Moved by Rudy Comeault.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.