

TWIN RAINBOWS COMMUNITY

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CHFBC FACILITATION SERIES: GROWING BEYOND AND HEALING

Kim Fleming, 71W, Board Member

The Twin Rainbows Board of Directors wishes to share an important update regarding efforts to strengthen our community relationships and shared values. It is important that all members feel welcome, respected, supported, and encouraged to contribute to the ongoing success of our community. Our community's broad and diverse spectrum of perspectives, expertise, and lived experiences is our greatest asset. When we work together, this diversity enables us to overcome significant challenges, including the preservation of affordable, accessible, and inclusive housing here at Twin Rainbows and throughout the False Creek neighbourhood.

Our success is built on a foundation of core principles that we all share responsibility for upholding: strong governance, democratic control, responsible fiscal management, effective stewardship of our physical assets, and the promotion of community wellbeing.

These principles are also the very pillars that the Co-operative Housing Federation of BC (CHFBC) upholds when advancing the interests of cooperative communities across our province through advocacy, education, mentorship, and resource support.

For this reason, your Board has been working closely with CHFBC to establish a process tailored to the specific needs of our community. This process is designed to help us realize the full potential of our greatest asset - our members.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!



CHFBC FACILITATION CONTINUED...

We have invited skilled facilitators from CHFBC to join us in leading a series of workshops and community dialogues. These sessions will support us in navigating challenging conversations and complex issues related to healing relationships, strengthening community, and unlocking our collective potential.

The first step in this process will be a community survey conducted by CHFBC. This survey will gather baseline insights on member experiences, perceptions of safety, trust, and values, as well as identifying areas of concern within the community. The results will directly inform a series of proposed facilitated sessions planned in the coming months.

Following a community debrief of the survey results, in-person facilitated sessions will begin with the creation of a community agreement. This agreement will guide how we engage with the process and will support reflection, discussion, and exploration of shared values, all while learning and practicing regulation strategies for difficult conversations and active listening.

A follow-up session will then build on the feedback emerging from the debrief. This session will focus on identifying tools for repairing harm and rebuilding trust, understanding impact versus intent, and practicing how to name tensions and create space for meaningful dialogue. Based on these two sessions, we will assess next steps and likely expand the dialogue to further develop understanding around power, participation, and what it means to be in a respectful community together.

The Board is very excited about this opportunity to work with CHFBC during this important moment for our community. Our success is directly linked to the engagement and participation of our members. We encourage everyone to prioritize this opportunity and to take part in the learning and discussion, so that together we can continue to build and strengthen our community. Please stay on the lookout for further details coming soon!



The Current Board of Directors:

Norma Jean McCallan – President

Jeff Naylor – Vice President

Sue Salter – Treasurer

Courtney Carnrite – Secretary

Dave Prince – Director at Large

Kim Fleming – Director at Large



REMEMBERING SAM LOGAN



We are sad to announce that our neighbour and friend, Sam Logan, passed away in late December. The Twin Rainbows community is invited to join in a celebration of his life on January 31. Detailed information regarding the service will be available on the elevator notice boards.

In our March issue of *The Connection*, we wish to feature a special memorial article. If you have photos or memories of Sam you would like to contribute, please share them with the Communications Committee as we remember this much-loved member of our co-op. Email: twinrainbowsnewsletter@gmail.com

LEASE RENEWAL WORKING GROUP

Kyong-ae Kim, 11W (Working Group Member)



Jeff Standfield, Abdul Zahir and I have come together to form a new working group reporting to the Board. We have drafted a Terms of Reference to be approved by the Board and members, which identifies the following purposes for the group:

1. Support the Board's decision-making to ensure the successful negotiation of an extended or renewed lease.
2. Provide the Board with information, advice, and recommendations about lease and re-development issues so that it can make optimal decisions on the Co-op's behalf.
3. Inform the members about lease and re-development issues.
4. Liaise between the Co-op and external partners regarding current and future lease and re-development issues.

Our initial priority is to better understand the lease renewal framework that the City approved in 2021. Although the City explicitly excluded False Creek South from this framework, so far it is the best guide to what a new lease for our co-op might look like. If you are interested in joining this work, please reach out to any member of the Working Group.



UPDATED TWIN RAINBOWS WEBSITE



This Valentine's Day, the Communications Committee is sharing the love with a new version of the members only section of the Twin Rainbows website! This update is our gift to the co-op, reflecting the hard work and creative vision of committee members past and present. This February 14, we invite you to take a moment to explore and enjoy it.



HELPING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

If you can help lay out the Connection in MailChimp or the Rainbow Express in Canva, or help build and maintain the website, the Communications Committee could use your skills! Attending meetings is not necessary. Contact us at: twinrainbowsnewsletter@gmail.com



BUDGETS DUE!

A reminder that each committee needs to submit its budget request to the Finance Committee by February 15, 2026.

