

The
CO-OPERATIVE
HOUSING
FEDERATION
of Canada



Athletes Village Housing Co-operative

Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada



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2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics Athletes Village

Legacy of:

- 1,138 housing units
- 252 units of “affordable housing”
- 84-unit housing co-op



Athletes Village Housing Co-operative

- City worked with provincial housing co-op federation – the Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia – to set up the co-op
- The co-op and all affordable units managed by the federation



Athletes Village Housing Co-op

- 5 storey, 84 unit building
- One, two and three-bedroom units
- 60-year lease from City of Vancouver
- 75% market, 25% below market rents
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold sustainable building
- SAFERhome-certified accessible building



What is LEED?

- Internationally recognized green building certification system
- Improves performance in energy, water, emissions, air quality, sustainability
- Developed by the US Green Building Council in 1998
- Now 7,000+ projects in 30 countries that are LEED certified



SAFERhome standards

- Universal access
- Visitability
- Aging in place



SAFERhome criteria

Comprehensive set of requirements covering:

- Thresholds
- Interiors
- Bath/kitchen
- All fixtures and fittings
- Plumbing, electric and wiring



What we've learned about accessibility

- Set a base standard
- Build in adaptability, flexibility
- Respond to individual needs
- Build or adapt for tomorrow

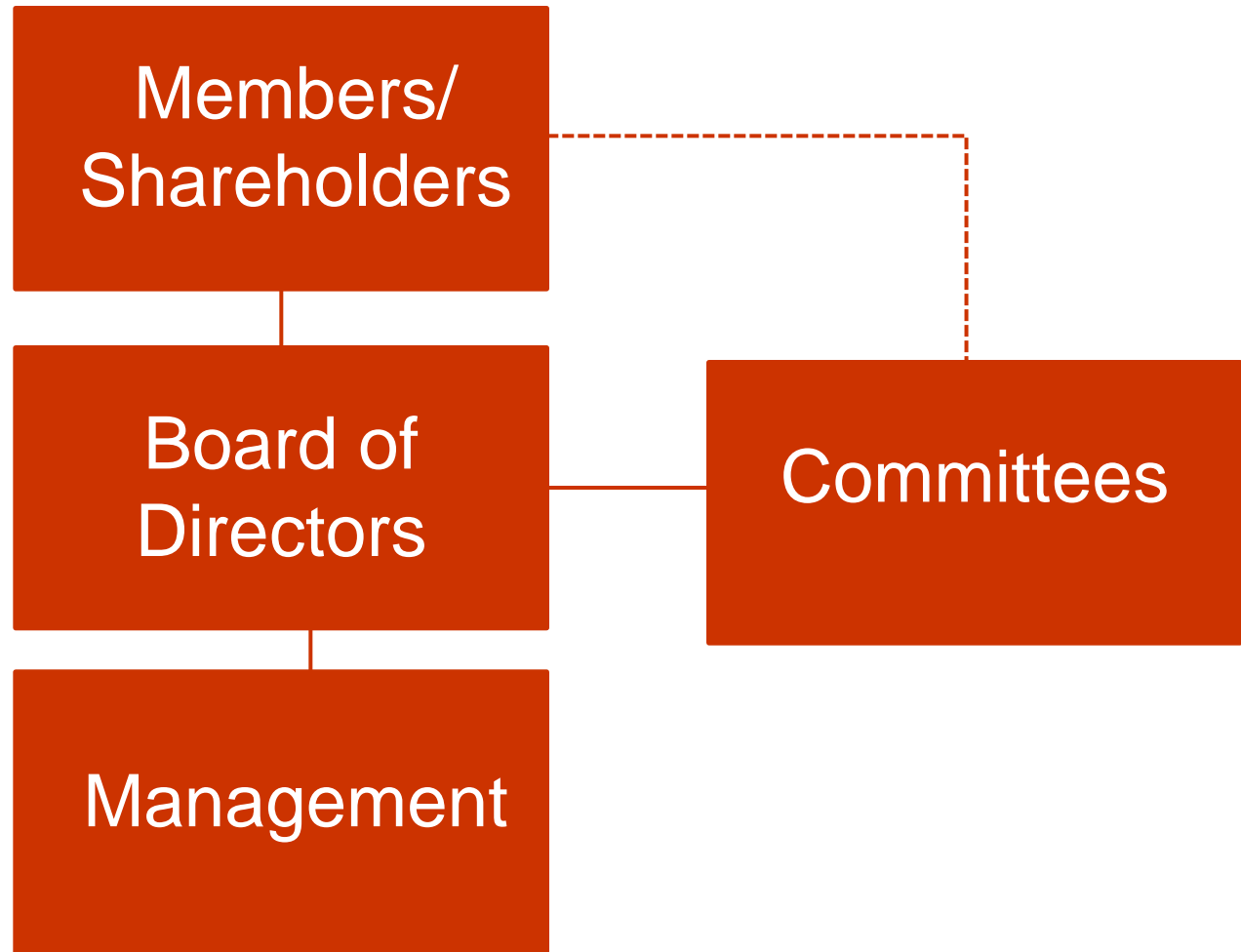


Canadian housing co-ops

- A legal association of members
- Members own the co-op, the co-op owns the housing
- Members work together to create a viable business and a co-operative community
- A co-op is a home, not an investment
- Goal is security of tenure, at-cost housing, not equity



How does a Canadian housing co-op work?



The Co-op Advantage

- Housing at a fair price
- Security of tenure
- Member control
- Life and business skills
- Community



What does the co-op expect from members

- Pay your housing charges on time
- Follow the co-op's rules and policies
- Keep your unit in good condition
- Be a good neighbour
- Get involved in the co-op



Athletes Village Finances

- Membership share purchase
- 75% of members pay monthly break-even (market) housing charges (rent)



Athletes Village Finances

- City of Vancouver owns property
- City leases to co-op at a price that permits 25 % of members to pay below market housing charge based on income



Membership process for Athletes Village Co-op

- Info session and tour
- Application
- Interview
- Landlord and credit checks
- Approval
- Unit selection
- Move in



Southeast False Creek: former Olympic Village



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