

# NSNPHA

# Annual Report

## Annual General Meeting

Presented By  
**Nick Russell**, Chair

Prepared By  
**Devan Bell**, Staff  
**Adrian Surette**, Staff

25-26





## Message from the Chair

As I reflect on my final year serving as Chair of the Nova Scotia Non-Profit Housing Association, I am struck by how far our organization has come in a relatively short period of time. What began as a collective vision to strengthen and unite the non-profit housing sector has evolved into a respected voice, trusted partner, and growing force for positive change across Nova Scotia. This past year has been one of both consolidation and forward momentum. Grounded in our updated and refocused strategic plan, the Association has been intentional in how it has prioritized its work and resources. That focus has helped guide meaningful progress, including the successful launch of our resource hub and the advancement of our sponsorship campaign both of which are important steps in strengthening sector capacity and building a more sustainable foundation for our work.

Alongside these initiatives, the Association has continued to expand its reach and impact through advocacy, member engagement, and sector partnerships. We have worked to ensure that the voices and expertise of non-profit housing providers are reflected in critical housing conversations, while also creating spaces for collaboration, learning, and shared problem-solving. None of this progress would have been possible without the commitment of our Board of Directors, the engagement of our members, and the dedication of our staff team. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to team members, Devan Bell and Adrian Surette for their commitment in helping translate our strategic direction into tangible results and organizational growth.

As I conclude my term as Chair, I do so with confidence in the future of the Association. The need for safe, affordable, and sustainable housing continues to grow, and the non-profit housing sector remains central to meeting that challenge. While the road ahead is not without complexity, our collective strength, clarity of purpose, and shared commitment position us well for what comes next. It has been a privilege to serve during this important stage of the Association's development. I am grateful for the trust and collaboration of our members and partners, and I look forward to seeing the continued evolution and impact of the NSNPHA in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthening non-profit housing and the communities we serve.

**- Nick Russell, Chair**

## About Us

The Nova Scotia Non-Profit Housing Association (NSNPHA) was established to support and strengthen Nova Scotia's community housing sector. We are a membership-based organization committed to mobilizing, empowering, and building the capacity of non-profit housing providers, informal housing networks, and community coalitions. NSNPHA advocates for housing as a human right and works toward a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable housing future across rural and urban Nova Scotia.



# Our Vision

A thriving non-profit housing sector that promotes and facilitates safe, affordable, inclusive, accessible and dignified housing for all Nova Scotians.



# Our Mission

To strengthen and unite the community housing sector through advocacy, collaboration, and capacity-building. Empowering members to grow and scale up the impact of their work.

# Our Core Values

**1**

Housing as a human right, to ensure everyone has a safe, accessible, affordable unit to live.

**2**

Diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in housing by valuing first voice, advancing decolonization, and addressing racism and stigma.

**3**

Environmentally sustainable non-profit housing.

**4**

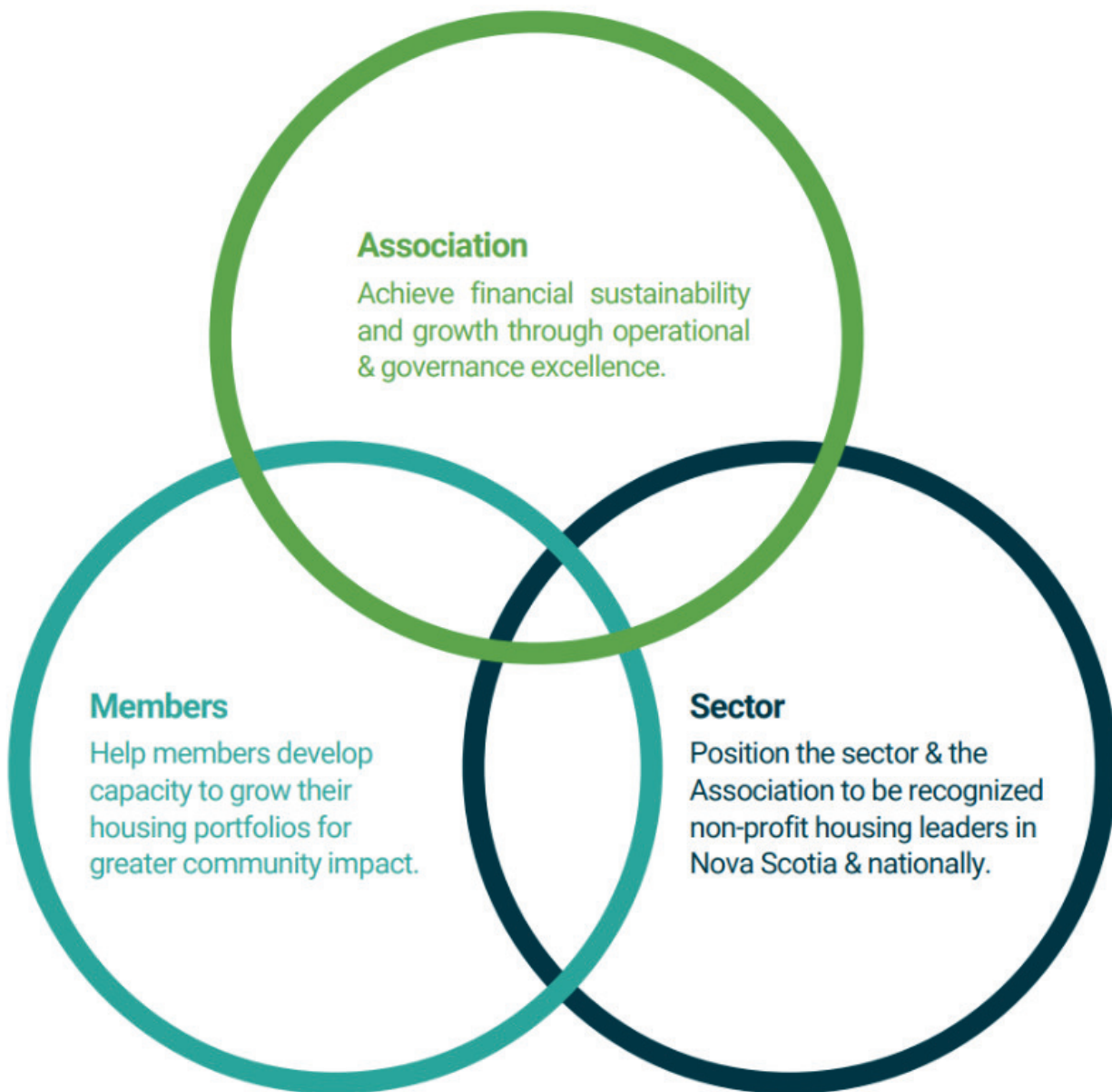
Equitable access and opportunity for both rural and urban community housing organizations.

**5**

Operational and governance excellence to help members grow and thrive,.

# Our Strategic Priorities

NSNPHA has developed three intentionally interconnected priorities, with the Association's sustainability and growth serving as the driving force that enables both the sector and its members to advance their goals and increase their impact.



# Our Team

## Staff



**Devan Bell**, Capacity Building and Programs Coordinator



**Adrian Surette**, Membership and Operations Coordinator

## Board of Directors

(2025-2026)

**Nick Russell**, Chairperson

**Michael Kabalen**, Vice Chairperson

**Mitchell Archibald**, Secretary

**Courtney Ingraham**, Treasurer

**Cheryl McDaniel**, Director

**Tina Feth**, Director

**Rob Morris**, Director

## Outgoing Board Members

**Nick Russell**

**Cheryl McDaniel**

Student Housing Developments  
Housing in Lawrencetown developed by NSNPHA Member Student Housing NS

# A Year in Review

# Organizational Milestones

**New Strategic Plan Launched**  
July 2025



**Sponsorship Campaign Initiated**  
Event and corporate sponsorship

**Resource Hub Launched**  
March 2026



## Sector Knowledge Sharing

Knowledge exchange with British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) and attendance at Housing Central

Attendance at the 2026 CHRA National Congress on Housing and Homelessness

Participation in the Canadian Alliance of Non-Profit Housing Associations (CANPHA)



# Events and Engagement

## Housing Symposium (October, 2025)

Partnership with **Halifax Partnership on Housing and Homelessness** and **United Way Halifax** (now United Way Maritimes)

**350** attendees

## First annual AGM Education Day

Foundations for the Future marked the first annual day-long conference held alongside NSNPHA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June 2025

**6** speaker sessions with over **100** registrants

## Regional Housing Networks

Launched Western, Central, Northern, and Eastern Housing Networks, as well as Accessibility/Disability and LGBTQS+ Networks

Total of **155** participants, from **5** different regions

## Webinars and Workshops

In partnership with Canadian Revenue Agency, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada, Build Canada Homes, Housing Construction Council, New Dawn Enterprises, and others

**10+** educational events with over **100** attendees

**Energy-Efficient Homes**  
Yarmouth housing units repurposed by NSNPHA Member AHANS



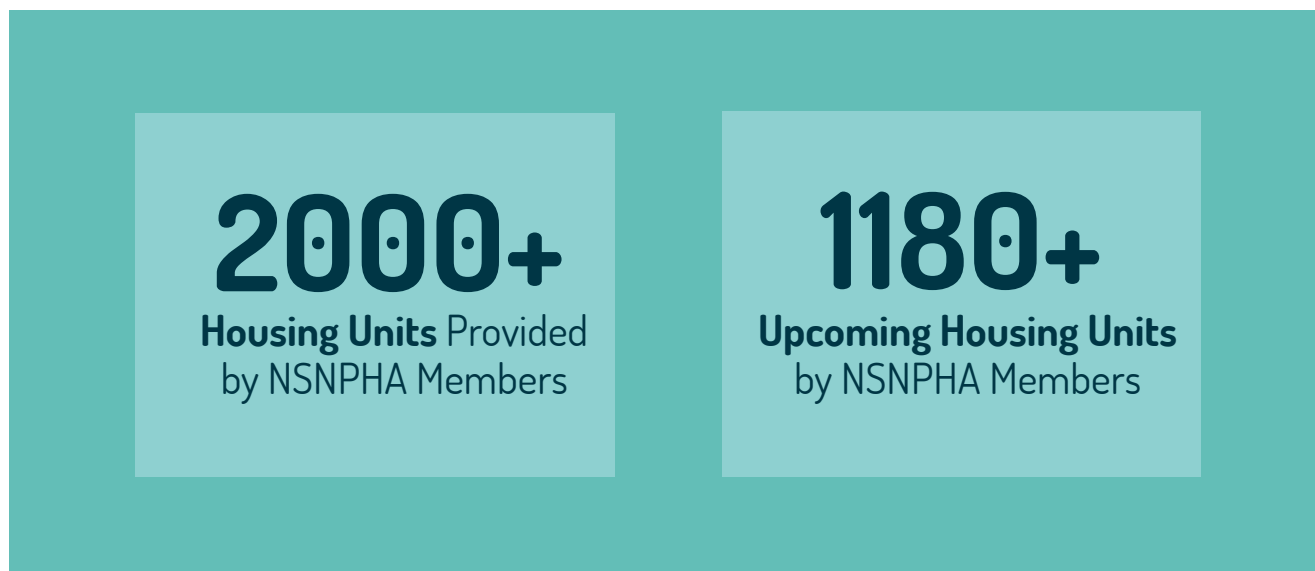
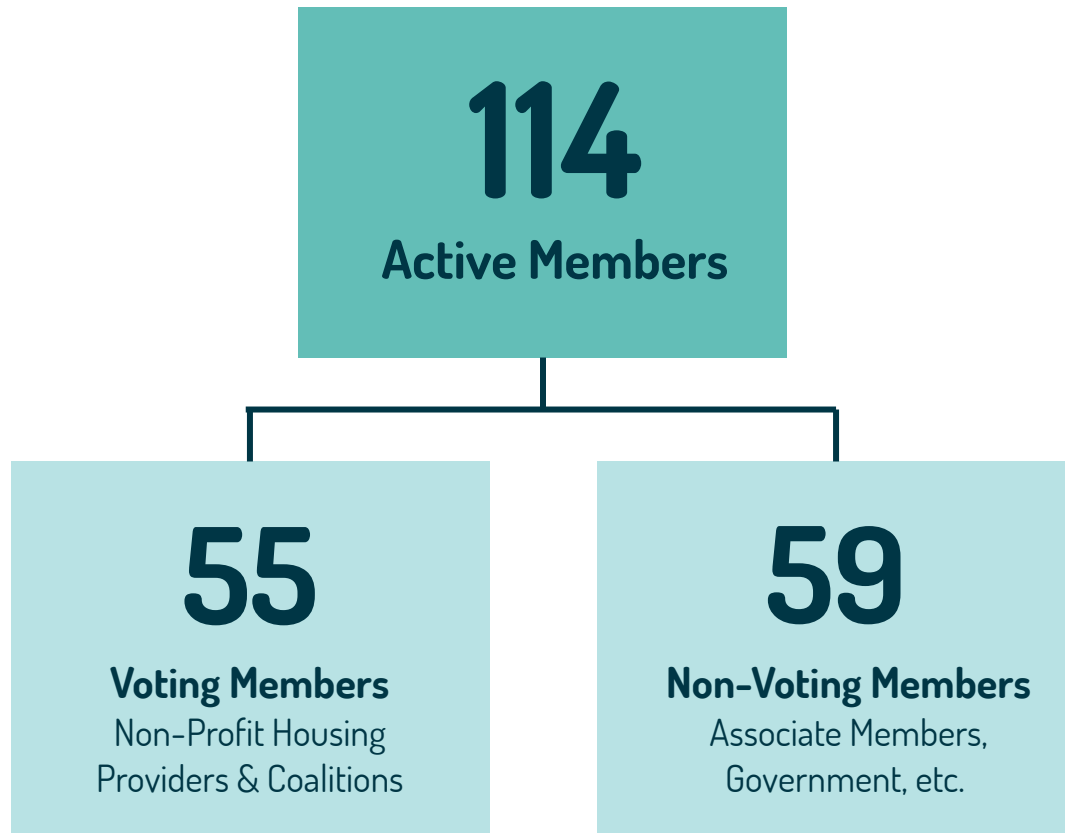
# Sector Advocacy & Leadership

**National and provincial advocacy aligned with CHRA priorities**

**Operational funding secured from the Province of Nova Scotia and Community Housing Transformation Centre for 2026-2027**

**Direct member support through capacity-building initiatives**

# Member Engagement & Impact



# Our Partners



Community Housing  
Transformation Centre  
Centre de transformation  
du logement communautaire

**Community Housing  
Transformation Centre (CHTC)**



**Province of Nova Scotia**



**Co-operators Insurance**



**United Way  
Maritimes**

**United Way Maritimes**



**Pivot Housing Solutions**



**GRANT SOLUTIONS CANADA**

**Grant Solutions Canada**



**Housing  
Construction  
Council**  
NOVA  
SCOTIA

**Housing Construction Council  
Nova Scotia**



**Co-operative Housing  
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# Looking Ahead

**Continued development of Resource Hub and direct member support**

**Leadership in sector wide mapping and benchmarking**

**Building member capacity through education and training**

**Expanding organizational sustainability and operational capacity**

**Strengthening sector advocacy, partnerships, and collaboration**

# Get Involved

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