

COHABITAT WAKEFIELD

pour un mode de vie durable ✨ for a sustainable way of life

ACTIVITY REPORT – 2018-2019

- Presentation and tabling of the activity report and financial statements of the cooperative at the first Annual general meeting of members
- Regular meetings of founding members, support members and guests every 3 weeks and 5 board meetings
- Addition of 17 new support members
- Website development: <https://cohabitat-wakefield.ca>
- Recognition “Fier Partenaire” by the Recreation, Culture and Community Life Department of the Municipality of La Pêche of Cohabitat Wakefield as a non-profit organisation whose initiatives contribute to the development of the recreational, cultural and community life of the municipality
- Identification of individuals who could intervene to obtain land under the 1997 agreement between the National Capital Commission (NCC) and the Municipality of La Pêche
- Establishment of contacts at the municipal council of La Pêche thanks to the intervention of the councillor Claude Giroux that led to the adoption of a resolution of the council in favor of resuming discussion with the NCC regarding the identified land; this resolution also includes a declaration that the Municipality will accompany CW throughout the realisation of the project
- Presence at two municipal council meetings and participation in a consultation on the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan – Together, we will make La Pêche a model of land use, vitality, and sustainable development within the region
- Development of the document « *Project Description* » within the framework of (1) the main objectives of “smart growth” pursued by the Municipality of La Pêche, (2) the benefits for the NCC, and (3) the criteria of the National Housing Co-Investment Fund - New Construction Stream from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
- Support for the project by William Amos, MP for the riding of Pontiac, and offer of his assistance with the NCC and CMHC
- Reception of a favorable response from the NCC to begin discussions with municipal officials

- Meetings with representatives from the Regroupement des OSBL d'habitation et d'hébergement avec support communautaire en Outaouais (ROHSCO) and CMHC to explore funding possibilities
- Networking with many social and community organisations of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais to promote the project, to obtain letters of support for funding application, and to contribute to their initiatives
- Production of the "*Network – CW and its partners*" mental map to illustrate CW's involvement in the region's socio-community sector
- Creation of the one-pager promotional material: "*Expression of Interest*" to document the interest of the population
- Participation in the activities of the Table de développement social des Collines-de-l'Outaouais (TDSCO): AGM, planning plenary, and meetings of the "*Development and living environments*" and "*Food security*" commissions
- Participation in the meetings and activities of the Table autonome des aînés des Collines (TAAC)
- Subject of a documentary film on "*cohousing*", an initiative of Cinema & Media Arts at York University, which will continue until completion of the CW project
- Publication of an article in the regional newspaper The Low Down: "*Chasing an affordable housing dream*"
- Training:
 - Workshop by the Fédération intercoopérative en habitation de l'Outaouais (FIHAB): "*Le bail de logement en coop d'habitation*"
 - Workshop by the Coopérative de développement régional Outaouais-Laurentides (CDROL): "*Roles and Responsibilities of Directors*"
 - Workshop by Cinema & Media Arts: "*Cell phone filmmaking*"
 - Workshop by Truly Communicate: "*Conscious, Compassionate Communication based on Nonviolent Communication*"