

Speak up for co-op housing and cast your ballot.

The provincial election on **Wednesday October 10th, 2007** is important for co-op housing. Half the co-ops in Ontario operate under municipal administrations that can't afford it. It's up to the provincial government to support affordable housing.

In this provincial election campaign, co-op members have two simple messages to deliver:

1. Create more co-op housing.

2. Upload Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA) housing co-ops.

This Act was not designed to deal with co-op housing, and its inherent sense of self government, and has been difficult to apply within the co-op community. Co-ops have lost much of their autonomy, and the Act has also been extremely costly to the municipalities. SHRA housing co-ops should be uploaded to the province, and changes made to the Social Housing Reform Act to better reflect the co-operative and democratic nature of our co-op communities.

The Cooperative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario (CHASEO) and the Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) have compiled several election resources to help you.

On our new Elections Page we have made it easy for you to:

- Make sure you're registered to vote.
- Find your district, and your local candidates.
- Learn more about election related housing issues, so you can ask your local candidates where they stand.
- Learn more about the political parties.

Visit www.chaseo.org to make use of these resources, and make a difference.