

# KVC Friday Notes

July 25 2025



## ***Without Us, There Is No Co-op***

***Co-op living is built on shared responsibility — not just affordable housing. When members disengage, especially from elections and governance, the foundation of our community begins to crumble. Our Board has worked hard to restore stability through inspections, improved governance, and long-term planning, but they cannot carry this alone.***

***Being a member means more than signing a lease. It means ongoing participation — showing up, helping out, and staying involved. Even if you've volunteered in the past, your role isn't over. This is a lifetime commitment for as long as you live here.***

***Criticism isn't cooperation. Contribution means action: standing for election, joining a committee, delivering notices, or simply lending a hand. It's also a harmful myth that staff or management are responsible for everything. They're hired for specific tasks — not to fill the gaps left by member inaction.***

***If we don't act, we risk losing the co-op values we cherish — affordability, autonomy, and community. It's not too late, but we must step up now. Participation isn't symbolic — it's survival.***

## **High School Students – Earn Your Volunteer Hours!**

Are you a high school student looking to complete your community involvement hours for graduation? Volunteer with the co-op! This is a great way to give back, build your resume, and get to know your community.

Opportunities include helping with event setup, delivering notices, assisting committees, and more — we'll match you with something that fits your interests and availability. Interested? Contact the office or a member of the Board to get started!

### **Community Involvement Opportunities**

#### **Join the Landscape Committee Meeting**

September 10, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

#### **Policy Committee**

TBA

#### **Social Committee**

September 9, 2025 at 7:00pm

#### **Board Meeting**

August 21 @ 4:00

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc. Annual General Meeting will take place on

**Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

at the Cynthia Ann Bailey Community Centre.

**Member participation is mandatory.**

### **Unit Inspections Scheduled for August**

Throughout the month of August, unit inspections will be taking place across the co-op community. These inspections are part of our continued efforts to maintain property standards, ensure member safety, and plan responsibly for future maintenance needs.

Each unit will be inspected by our contracted engineering team, with the support of a Board representative. Inspections will include both interior and exterior components and are expected to take approximately 30 minutes per unit.

Members will receive advance notice of their scheduled inspection date and time. If you are unable to be home during your inspection, please ensure the office has a working key on file (or you provide a neighbour with your unit key) and that pets are safely secured. These inspections are mandatory and form part of our co-op's commitment to responsible stewardship and community upkeep.

We thank all members for their cooperation and support during this important phase of our maintenance review process.

### **Next Garbage Pick Up August 15**

### **Maintaining Your Unit: A Shared Responsibility**

Living in a housing co-operative means sharing in both the privileges and the duties of community life. A key responsibility is maintaining your unit and completing minor repairs, such as replacing light bulbs, tightening door handles, and keeping drains clear. These small efforts help preserve the quality of our homes, reduce maintenance costs, and support the long-term sustainability of the co-op.

Members are also reminded to keep basements clear and accessible. Cluttered or blocked areas — especially around electrical panels and furnaces — create safety hazards and interfere with inspections and emergency responses. Taking care of your space not only protects your household but strengthens the entire community. If you're ever uncertain about a repair or need support, please reach out to the office or consult your Member Handbook. Let's continue to care for our homes — together.