

KVC Friday Notes

May 2 2025



Community Involvement Opportunities

Join the Landscape Committee Meeting
June 5, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

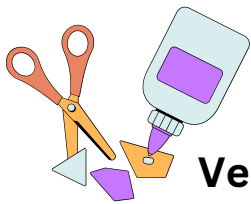
Join the Bylaw Committee Meeting
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Social Committee
May 6 @ 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
May 15 @ 4pm

EAST CITY YARD SALE KAWARTHA VILLAGE

May 10 & 11
9:00 am start



Vendor Event

at the CABCC

May 3 & 4

from

10:00am to 6:00pm

If you're a crafter or rep. for a direct sales company it's not too late to have a table.

Contact Lynn/Unit 17 email
Lynngilesto@gmail.co

Next Garbage Pick Up May 9

It is Here!

Check out Kawathavillage.ca

You can sign up for the Members only section on your own or the Board can provide you access.

Please make sure your email address is up to date with the office.

Joke of the Week: "🔧 Why did the faucet break up with the pipe?"

It felt drained by the relationship! 💧

Welcome Brandon Dee, Our New Maintenance Contractor



Unit Action Required



We are pleased to announce that Brandon Dee has joined Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes as our new maintenance contractor. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome as he begins supporting the ongoing maintenance and safety of our community.

As part of this transition, every unit will soon receive a package containing a Maintenance and Safety Assessment Form. This form is designed to gather important information about any current concerns within your unit, both inside and outside.

Please note: this assessment is mandatory and must be completed by every unit. Completed forms must be returned to the office no later than May 9th, 2025.

Your participation is essential in helping us prioritize and address maintenance needs across the co-op. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment to a safe and well-maintained community.

— The Board of Directors
Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Co-op Families!

Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes is delighted to welcome two wonderful families to our community!

Please join us in giving a heartfelt welcome to Nicole and Michael, along with their two children, who have recently moved into Unit 6, and to Brittany and her two children, who are now settling into Unit 43.

We are so glad to have you here and hope you feel at home in no time. If you see them around the co-op, be sure to say hello and help them feel part of our vibrant, caring community!

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What Counts as a Maintenance Emergency?

At KVC, an emergency maintenance issue is any situation that poses an immediate risk to health, safety, or significant property damage. These issues require urgent attention and should be reported right away.

Examples of maintenance emergencies include:

- No heat during cold weather
- Flooding or major water leaks
- Sewer back-ups
- Electrical hazards (e.g. sparking outlets, power outages in the whole unit)
- Fire or smoke damage
- Structural damage affecting safety (e.g. ceiling collapse, broken stairs)
- Gas leaks (call 911 and Enbridge immediately)

If you are unsure whether something is an emergency, it's always better to report it and let the office or a board member (if it is outside office hours) assess the situation.

For non-emergency repairs, please submit a standard work order through the regular process. Thank you for helping us keep KVC safe and well-maintained!

Important Notice: Air Conditioner Installation Reminder

As the warmer months approach, we understand that many members will be installing window air conditioning units to stay cool and comfortable. We would like to remind all members that window air conditioners must be installed safely and properly.

If an air conditioner is installed without professional support or is not secured properly, it can pose safety risks and may cause damage to the unit, building exterior, or common areas.

Please note:

- Any damages resulting from an improperly installed air conditioner—including damage to windows, siding, or interior/exterior walls—will be the financial responsibility of the member.
- We highly recommend that members seek professional installation assistance to ensure the unit is safely secured and compliant with building standards.

If you have any questions or need guidance on installation, please contact the Co-op Office. Let's work together to ensure everyone's safety and protect our community's property.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Spring is finally here.



The vegetable garden is getting cleaned up and ready for planting. **This year we are offering a bed to anyone who would like to participate in planting your own vegetables.**

Also we will set a date for a mini class to teach when and how to plant seeds. If you are interested, please let a member of the Landscape/Garden committee know. (Pat #14, Barb #15, Mary #13, Jai #5, Elinor #80.)

There is mulch available for anyone who would like some for garden beds at their unit. We have buckets available if you would like to pick some up. The pile is near the garden beds.

It is time to start the Board of Directors elections process at KVC

At Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc. (KVC), the democratic participation of our members is the foundation of our governance. One of the most important ways you can get involved is by participating in the election of our Board of Directors. This ensures that our community is guided by members who are committed to upholding the values and responsibilities of our co-op

Here's a step-by-step guide to how our Board of Directors elections work, based on the organizational bylaws:

1. Formation of the Elections Committee

Before any election can take place, an Elections Committee is formed. This committee oversees the entire election process to ensure fairness, transparency, and adherence to the bylaws.

- Who can join? Any member in good standing (not currently on the Board or running for election) can volunteer.
- Role: The committee manages nominations, prepares election materials, and conducts the vote.

If you're interested in shaping the election process, consider volunteering!

2. Call for Nominations

Once the Elections Committee is in place, a call for nominations is announced. This typically happens several weeks before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or a General Members' Meeting where the election will take place.

- Who can run? Any member in good standing can put their name forward.
- How to nominate: Members may self-nominate or nominate others (with their consent).
- Nomination period: A specific deadline is set for nominations to close, allowing the committee to prepare for the vote.

This is your opportunity to step forward and help guide the future of KVC!

3. Preparation for the Election

After nominations close, the Elections Committee prepares for the election:

- Candidate profiles may be shared with members to help inform their decision.
- The date, time, and method of voting (in-person, electronic, mail-in) are confirmed and communicated.

The committee ensures the process aligns with co-op bylaws and CHF Canada recommendations, promoting fair and inclusive participation.

4. Voting at the Members' Meeting

The election takes place during a General Members' Meeting (such as the AGM).

- Members in good standing are eligible to vote.
- Voting is conducted by secret ballot to maintain confidentiality and fairness.
- The Elections Committee tallies the votes and announces the results.

Typically, directors are elected for two-year terms, with about half the Board positions up for election each year to ensure continuity.

5. Announcing the Results

Following the vote count, the results are announced at the meeting. New directors assume their roles immediately or at a set date determined by the co-op.

If not enough candidates are elected to fill all positions, the bylaws allow for a follow-up process to fill vacancies.

6. Vacancies and Interim Appointments

If vacancies occur mid-term, the Board may appoint members temporarily until the next election. At that time, a special election can be held to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

Why This Process Matters

The election of your Board of Directors ensures that KVC remains a member-run organization, responsive to the needs and values of its members. Directors play a key role in:

- Overseeing financial health
- Upholding policies
- Ensuring the long-term success of our community

Participating in the election process—whether by running for the Board, joining the Elections Committee, or casting your vote—is a vital way to contribute to the life of KVC.

If you'd you would like to know more about the Elections committee please fill out the attached form and submit it to Unit 14 mailbox by June 1. process. We can hold an information night to explain the process further

Let's continue building a strong and engaged co-op community—together!



Strong Co-op, Strong Voices – Participate!

KVC is Working to Reduce Insurance Costs

The Board of Directors is taking steps to save KVC money by enrolling in CHF Canada's Risk Management Program—a national program created specifically for housing co-ops.

By participating, KVC may qualify for lower insurance premiums, which could lead to significant savings for our community. However, to access these savings, KVC must meet certain safety and risk management standards.

Over the next few weeks, the Board will share more information about what KVC needs to do to meet the program's requirements. This may involve updates to maintenance processes, documentation, or safety practices.

We appreciate your support as we work to protect our homes, lower expenses, and keep KVC financially strong.

Stay tuned—more details coming soon!

Every Unit Counts—Let's Keep Our Co-op Strong!



Reminder: Report Maintenance Early!

A small leak today could be a big bill tomorrow.

Unreported maintenance issues can quickly escalate. When problems go unaddressed, repair costs rise — and that affects the entire community. Higher repair costs strain the co-op's budget and can lead to increased housing charges for all members.

👉 Please report any issues right away to help keep our homes safe and affordable.

Complete a Maintenance Request by accessing the form from a Board member, or at CABCC

Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc.
Elections Committee Application Form

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Unit Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Eligibility

- To be eligible to serve on the Elections Committee, you must:
- Be a member in good standing of Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc.
 - Not currently be a member of the Board of Directors.
 - Not be running as a candidate in the upcoming Board election.

Are you eligible based on the above criteria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Availability

Are you available to attend meetings and assist with election activities between [insert approximate dates]?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please list any dates you are unavailable (if known):

Experience and Interest

Why are you interested in serving on the Elections Committee?
(Briefly explain below)

Do you have any experience with elections, committees, or administrative tasks?

☒ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe:

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Declaration

By submitting this application, I declare that:

- I have read and understood the eligibility requirements.
- I agree to maintain confidentiality regarding the election process.
- I will act impartially and fairly in carrying out committee duties.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Please submit your completed application to Unit 14 before June 1.

If you have any questions about the Elections Committee or the election process, please contact your Board of Directors.