

Bannerman **Green** Not-for-Profit Housing Co-op Inc.

Membership

General membership in the **Bannerman Green Not-for-Profit Housing Co-op Inc.** allows interested individuals to participate in the decision-making process of the Co-op through its development phase. General members will be entitled to participate in the election of the first formal Board of Directors of the Co-op. Once the Co-op is ready for occupancy, we anticipate that the membership structure will be revisited.

General memberships are individual-based (not family or couple); one member gets one vote.

The membership fee of \$50 will be used to cover the costs of project start-up (such as Articles of Incorporation and registration of Co-op name) and is non-refundable. The Co-op reserves the right to canvas its members for a further reasonable fee if funds are needed. (If cost is a barrier, please contact the Co-op and alternative arrangements can be made.)

Please note that becoming a general member of the Co-op at this time does not automatically guarantee a housing unit in the Co-op. A separate decision-making process will be put into place to allocate units to members wishing and able to become residents. One of the factors in that decision will be the order of receipt of a general membership application.

If and when living units become available, further financial commitment will be required of members applying to become residents. These funds are refundable if the member withdraws their application for residence.

My Application:

- I am over 18 years of age
- I am in agreement with the general principles of the co-operative movement and the Project Charter of the **Bannerman Green Not-for-Profit Housing Co-op**. (see over)
- I support the principle of consensus decision-making and the expectation that members participate as fully as possible in the decision-making and other volunteer work required for the co-op to remain viable.
- Membership fee: (please check one)
 - I include a membership fee of \$50
 - **OR** I would like to discuss alternative arrangements.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

(see over)

Completed membership forms, along with a cheque for \$50 made payable to **Bannerman Green Housing Co-op Inc.** should be mailed or taken to:

Bannerman Green Membership
84 Scotia Street, Winnipeg. MB R2W eX1

To help us get to know you better, please answer the following questions:

1. How did you hear about **Bannerman Green Co-op**?
2. Why are you interested in membership in **Bannerman Green Co-op**?
3. Are you interested in becoming a resident of the housing co-op?
4. What qualities, interests, skills, knowledge or past experience can you bring to contribute to the co-op?

***Bannerman Green Not-for-Profit Housing Co-op Inc.
Project Charter***

The intent of Bannerman Green Not-for-Profit Housing Co-op Inc. is to create a new affordable not-for-profit housing co-operative in North Winnipeg that is founded on the following principles:

1. **Sustainability:** To create a supportive residential environment in North Winnipeg that demonstrates how to live lightly on the planet incorporating the highest standards of sustainability and resilience with a commitment to a “climate positive” building with third-party certifications demonstrating netzero energy and zero-carbon production, along with resilience in water, active transportation, food production and sustainable materials.
2. **Beauty:** Through an inclusive design process to create a place of beauty, simplicity and wholeness that fits comfortably into the neighbourhood and reflects the history, natural setting, character and spirit of the wider community.
3. **Diversity:** To build mixed and integrated housing that embraces diversity in all its manifestations and includes residents of different ages, economic backgrounds, gender, family sizes and cultures.
4. **Accessibility:** To provide accessible and barrier-free access throughout all public areas of the building ensuring a safe, dignified and welcoming environment for residents and visitors of all abilities.
5. **Stability:** To ensure governance of the co-op by a not-for-profit board comprised of residents that will provide stable rents and operating costs and provide local control in the neighbourhood long into the future.
6. **Cost-effectiveness:** To target cost-effective construction while not compromising possible additional costs for the commitment to a net-zero goal.
7. **Participatory Decision Making:** To arrive at decisions in a way which is respectful, inclusive, and as informal as possible.