



Antigonish Affordable Housing Society

Board Member Brief

Organizational Profile

The Antigonish Affordable Housing Society (AAHS) provides affordable, community-oriented homes to support the efforts of local residents living on low incomes to improve the quality of their lives. The AAHS aims to break the cycle of poverty vulnerable people find themselves in, and to improve the quality of their lives by providing community-supported, high quality affordable and energy-efficient housing, along with provision of supports to tenants to navigate services and facilitate community building among tenants. Our vision is that an ever-increasing number of Antigonish area residents live in good quality, energy-efficient housing in small neighbourhoods that they can afford even when their incomes are low.

Our first housing complex, Riverside Estates on Hope Lane, provides 14 one- and two-bedroom units for low-income individuals and families. Our second housing complex, Appleseed Court, provides 12 affordable housing units. The AAHS also owns a home in Cloverville and is actively expanding the number of affordable housing units it owns and operates.

Tenants are drawn from Antigonish town and county, and comprise single- and dual-parent families, African Nova Scotians, individuals with disabilities, immigrants, Indigenous People and range in age from young children to 90-plus years of age.

The Society continues to explore new ways to address the ongoing need for affordable housing in rural areas of the province. You can learn more about the AAHS on our website: <https://www.antigonishaffordablehousing.ca/>.

The 2022-23 Annual Report, including financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, is available here: <https://www.antigonishaffordablehousing.ca/about/annual-reports/>.

Board Members

Colleen Cameron	Chair	Organic Blueberry Farmer; Retired Nurse-Community Development Educator
Connie Clement	Secretary	Retired Public Health Policy, Health Equity and Women's Health Specialist
Willie Cormier	Finance Committee Chair & Town Rep	Retired CPA; Town of Antigonish Councillor
Bruce Dow	Building Committee Chair	Retired Management Consultant
Tiffany Hargreaves	Tenant Rep	Psychologist

Sionnach Hendra	Communications Committee Chair	Assistant Professor of Nursing, StFX University
Glenn Horne	Governance Committee Co-Chair	Chief Administrative Officer, Antigonish County
Donnie MacDonald	Tenant Selection Committee Chair & County Rep	Retired Provincial Public Servant; Antigonish County Councillor
Angus MacGillivray	Treasurer	Retired CPA
Pauline MacIntosh	Vice-Chair, Human Resources Committee	Program Staff (Adult Education and Community Development), Coady Institute, StFX University

Board Director Position Description & Meeting Schedule

The AAHS Board of Directors may be comprised of 5 – 15 members. Directors are responsible to exercise their powers and discharge their duties in the best interests of the Society. The AAHS is a working Board, meaning Board Members are expected to contribute directly to the administration of the Society’s operations and activities.

Monthly Board meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm and can run 1.5 - 3 hours. Additionally, each Board Member serves on at least one committee. Committee meetings typically run 1-2 hours and their frequency varies by committee and its activities. The AAHS has the following standing committees:

- Executive Committee
- Building Committee
- Communications Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fundraising, Events and Proposal Writing Committee
- Governance Committee
- Human Resources Committee
- Tenant Community Building Committee
- Tenant Selection Committee

A Board Director can expect to spend 150 hours per year on Board and Committee work. The initial term of appointment is three years and members may be reappointed.

Interest in learning more or serving on the AAHS Board of Directors may be emailed to glenn@antigonishaffordablehousing.ca, submitted through the website at www.antigonishaffordablehousing.ca/contact/, or by contacting any of the Board members above.