

Spring 2020 Newsletter

Spring Update

It seems like a lifetime ago that MennoHomes held its Annual General Meeting at the end of January. While the impacts of COVID-19 are still being experienced by all of us now and for the foreseeable future, our efforts to continue to respond to the need for affordable housing are ongoing. This crisis has highlighted the essential importance of having a safe and secure place to call home. It's hard to physically isolate yourself if this type of housing is out of reach.



Dan Driedger
Executive Director

Our spring newsletter is also adapting to this changing environment. We hope you find this new electronic version informative. Please be sure to click the links that will provide more detailed information on our various updates. I also invite you to contact me directly at ddriedger@mennohomes.com or 226-476-2535.



New Affordable Housing Project in Kitchener

MennoHomes' new affordable housing project at 544 Bridgeport Road East in Kitchener is underway. Demolition has been completed and construction is on track to begin by the end of May. This new project is the result of a unique partnership with [St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#) and [Parents for Community Living](#).

Phase 1 of this redevelopment will create 48 new residential homes with a mix of one and two-bedroom units. The waiting list for affordable housing in Waterloo Region has grown to almost 5,000 households in the past year. The \$5 million A Place to Call Home capital campaign was launched in January to raise the funds necessary to complete this project.

[Click here to learn more about this new project.](#)

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Photo Gallery

Out-Spok'n Bike-a-thon - Saturday June 27th

For 2020 we will be "virtually" coming together as we walk, hike, run, and bike on our personal route. Everyone can participate remotely.

Click the image below to register or to sponsor someone who already has. All donations for this year's event will go towards the very real construction of new affordable housing currently underway at 544 Bridgeport Road East, Kitchener.

[Register Now](#)

REGISTER NOW for Saturday June 27th

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**Raising funds for new
affordable housing.**



Annual General Meeting

MennoHomes held its Annual General Meeting on January 31st at 50 Kent Ave. Kitchener. It was a packed house with 85 people in attendance. The highlight was the official launch of the [A Place to Call Home](#) capital campaign by former City of Kitchener mayor Carl Zehr.



Annual General Meeting - January 31, 2020

Following the meeting, Carl was interviewed by Mike Farwell of 570 News. You can listen to an audio recording of that interview here: [Carl Zehr Interview](#)



Muslim Food Distribution at Rockway Gardens

Almost immediately after COVID-19 was experienced locally in March, the local chapter of the Muslim Association of Canada contacted MennoHomes. They wanted to know if they could provide food for some of our senior citizen tenants at Rockway Gardens.

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COVID-19

The impact of COVID-19 has been felt by all of us. At MennoHomes, our first response was to ensure tenants in our apartment buildings were informed and safe.

[Learn more about our COVID-19 response here.](#)

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