

South East Manitoba Seniors Community Services Co-operative Inc.

Membership Agreement

(one applicant per form)

The South East Manitoba Seniors Community Services Co-operative Inc. (the Co-operative) is made up of members with an interest in developing and maintaining affordable housing and other services within South East Manitoba for seniors and our more vulnerable populations to benefit the entire community.

This agreement outlines the rights and responsibilities of members in the Co-operative and the obligations of the Co-operative to those members. Please see the SECSC By-Laws for complete details.

Membership Qualifications

No applicant can become a member of the Co-operative unless:

- (a) if an individual, is at least 18 years of age;
- (b) if a business or corporation, they must appoint an individual who is at least 18 years of age to represent their interests;
- (c) has submitted a written application for membership that has been approved by the Board or a person authorized by the Board to approve membership applications; and
- (d) has paid a non-refundable membership fee in an amount determined by the Board from time to time.

Rights as a Member of the Co-operative

As a member of the Co-operative, I am entitled to:

- Receive proper notice of meetings
- Have one vote at general and other Co-operative meetings
- Serve on a committee or run for a position on the board of directors
- Participate in the Co-operative's operations and governance
- Raise concerns or issues I identify with the Co-operative
- Receive information about the Co-operative's financial status and other important processes or decision (e.g. resolutions)

Responsibilities as a Member of the Co-operative

As a member of the Co-operative, I have a responsibility to:

- Participate in the governance of the Co-operative through attendance of meetings, voting on decisions, asking questions, and participating on boards and committees
- Support the mission, vision, and goals of the Co-operative
- Adhere to the policies and procedures of the Co-operative set out in the organizational documents and created by the board
- Support the Co-operative's operations by using its services or contributing to delivery of services
- Learn more about the Co-operative's operations and organizational capacity

- Support the capitalization of the Co-operative by making a financial contribution

Obligations of the Co-operative to Members

As a member of the Co-operative, I understand that the Co-operative is obligated to:

- Provide notice of meetings and information on ways I can participate in the Co-operative's governance
- Maintain a transparent and efficient system of decision-making that is inclusive of the membership and supportive of the mission and vision of the Co-operative
- Conduct business, through the board or staff, that is in the best interest of the Co-operative and its members
- Use my financial contribution effectively and responsibly

Declaration

I, _____, understand the rights and responsibilities of membership in the Co-operative and agree to them. I agree to buy one member share at a non-refundable cost of \$10.00.

Individual Membership (one applicant per form)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Business or Corporation Membership (one applicant per form)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Business Name: _____
Representative Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Referring SECS Director: _____
(if applicable)

- Payment Options:
- E-transfer to payments@secsc.ca
 - Cheque (payable to South East Community Services Co-operative PO Box 48, Vassar, Manitoba R0A 2J0 or in person directly to an SECS board member)
 - Cash (in person directly to an SECS board member; DO NOT send cash through the mail)