

## Our Housing Action

Guided by our shared vision, goal and guiding principles, SSHAC activities fall within 4 focus areas: These are:

### Advocacy & Policy Development

Focus on research and development of policy recommendations for quality, safe and affordable rental housing.

### Educating Ourselves & Others

Regular campaigns to further the awareness of our group, tenants and landlords, public policy makers and the general public. This includes publication of our quarterly newsletter.

### Monitoring & Research

Development of a picture, both statistical and qualitative, of housing in Lunenburg and Queens Counties, and elsewhere in Nova Scotia.

### Group Leadership

Coalition building and organizing

## Our Membership

Today, the South Shore Housing Action Coalition has evolved into a diverse group of community organizations and committed individuals including:

Second Story Women's Centre  
South Shore Transition House Association  
Aspotogan Heritage Trust  
Nova Scotia Health Authority  
Western Regional Housing Authority  
Town of Bridgewater  
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg  
Municipality of the District of Chester  
Region of Queens Municipality  
Town of Lunenburg  
Town of Mahone Bay



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## Our History

In response to the challenging housing conditions encountered by Community Home Visitors, staff at Public Health came together in late 2008-2009 to look at the issue of affordable housing on the South Shore. These internal discussions led to a public workshop on Tenants Rights in September 2009 attended by representatives of many organizations in Lunenburg Queens.

At that meeting, everyone agreed there was a significant lack of safe, quality, affordable housing on the South Shore. There was also interest in trying to come together to take action.

With leadership shown by Second Story Women's Centre, Lunenburg County Community Health Board and Public Health, a community committee was formed in the winter of 2010.

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## Our Vision

*Healthy, affordable housing options for all, at every stage of life.*

**Healthy** means safe, well-maintained, not-crowded, free from environmental hazards (including lead paint, moisture, mould, pest infestations, lead paint and exposure to hazardous gases such as carbon monoxide and radon), with an adequate supply of potable water and functioning toilet facilities, and access to support, services and outdoor recreational space.

**Affordable** means that tenants/residents are not forced to pay more than 30% of their income on housing.

**Housing** means both rental and resident-owned places to live.

**Options** means that people have some choice in the range of housing types available to them.



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**All** means that everyone, no matter what their age, race, religion, sex, physical ability or family situation has access to housing.

**Every stage of life** means that there are appropriate housing options available as one moves through life's stages, from children and youth, adolescents, single adults, young families, middle-aged persons or seniors.

## Our Goal

*Work collaboratively to build awareness and facilitate action on the need for quality, safe and affordable housing in Lunenburg and Queens Counties in particular, and Nova Scotia in general.*