# Application Form Norwest Place Housing Co-operative Ltd.

Membership in Norwest Place Housing Co-operative Ltd. is open to persons fifty-five years of age and older, who are semi retired or fully retired. You will be contacted by the Member Relations Chairperson and invited to an interview. Upon approval, you will be required to pay \$100.00 as part of your \$1000.00 capital share, refundable upon written request. Should you be allocated a unit (suite) you will be required to pay an additional \$900.00 which will constitute your \$1000.00 capital share.

Acceptance of application is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Please note; we are a smoke free, pet free, fragrance sensitive building, and we are not wheelchair or scooter accessible.

Name of first Applicant:	
Date of Birth:	
Phone: (Home)	_ (Mobile)
Name of second Applicant:	
Date of Birth:	
Phone: (Home)	_ (Mobile)
Address:	
Have you previously resided in a Housing Co-operative?	
If so, when and where?	
Last Rental Location you lived at:	
Name and Phone Number of Landlord:	
Do we have your permission to contact the Landlord?	

Reference: A person whom you have known for a minimum of 3 years.

Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the principles of co-operative living it is understood that those seeking membership are aware that members are responsible to participate in the functioning and care of our operations and building.

There is also an expectation to attend the Annual General Meeting and to be willing to serve on either the Board of Directors or a committee. Please indicate with an x which area you would most likely serve:

- \_\_\_\_ Board of Directors
- \_\_\_\_ Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_ Security
- \_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_ Finance
- \_\_\_ Social
- \_\_\_\_ Fire Safety

I/We herby apply for membership in Norwest Place Housing Co-operative Ltd.

I/We understand that as a resident of the co-operative I/We will be required to contribute to the management and operation of the co-operative.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of first Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of second Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please familiarize yourself with our 'Co-operative Distinctives' below and the information found on our website - www.norwestplace.com

## Co-operative Distinctives:

## What Defines Us:

Housing co-operatives are autonomous, non-profit entities, and count on members to participate in the day to day operation of the co-operative. In this way, costs are kept to a minimum resulting in affordable housing for the membership. Bylaws, policies and procedures are established in compliance with The Co-operatives Act 1996, and The Co-operatives Regulations 1998, and as such are binding. Amendments are voted on by the membership. Co-operatives are based on the principles of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. Their foundation was birthed on the ethical values of honesty, openness, and social responsibility.

## Benefits and Responsibilities:

Benefits and responsibility always go hand in hand. The benefits of co-operative living are many. The responsibilities of co-operative living are also many. Members are responsible to participate in the functioning and care of the operations and building. They are responsible *to* one another, and kindness and goodwill toward other co-operative members is expected. You are also responsible to take diligent care of your own unit. When independence is no longer a reality, members and their families are responsible to find alternate living arrangements.

### Who Are We For:

Living at Norwest Place is ideal for persons 55 years of age and older who are retired or semi-retired, who are healthy and independent, and love the idea of living in community. It is geared toward those who are in alignment with, and committed to, a mindset focused on the 'good of the whole'.

Living in a co-operative is a unique way of living. It is different than renting an apartment, where there is no say in how things operate. It is also different than living in a house where all the work is the responsibility of the home-owner.

Co-operative living is a combination of the best of both. Shared responsibility and shared benefits. That said, it is not for everyone, but for many it is a wonderful life-giving way to live.