

# 2017 CONFERENCE PROGRAM Canadian Worker Co-op Federation and CoopZone

Ottawa/Gatineau
Business Inn, Ottawa / Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Gatineau

#### Theme:

Radical Roots/ Radical Routes of Worker Co-operation Nous avons le pouvoir. Vivons l'évolution coopérative!

The movement for workplace democracy has always had a radical, transformative vision. These radical roots also call us to new radical *routes*, i.e., what is our way forward as a movement of solidarity economics based on ownership and control instead of capital? The world needs workplace democracy now more than ever; it needs people and planet before profits. Come to our Conference to help us map out these radical routes, to build this new and better world.

In collaboration with:







Time	Wednesday November 1		
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Casual Evening gathering, at <u>D'Arcy McGee's</u> , <u>44 Sparks Street</u> , Ottawa		

Time	Thursday November 2			
8:00 am	Breakfast on your own			
8:15 am	Registration starts at both hotels.			
9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Worker Co-op Management Intensive	Co-op Developer Intensive		
Lunch on your own	1) Financial Management of a worker co-	Includes a presentation about some dynamic		
Lunch on your own	operative.	new ways to develop co-ops, a workshop on		
	2) Human Resources in a worker co-	important Québec models (CUMA and		
	operative. Led by Russ Christianson, and	CUMO), a presentation of some new co-ops,		
	<u>Isabel Faubert Mailloux</u> , Executive Director	and an item on the insurance specialized for		
	of the Quebec Worker Co-op Réseau	co-operatives from The Co-operators. There		
	Agenda for the day	will also be a presentation and discussion of		
	Also with a presentation on Co-operators	the new CoopZone Strategic Plan which		
	products available to worker co-ops.	seeks to take the CoopZone Network to a		
	(With simultaneous interpretation)	new level, and other topics.		
	(Moderator for the day: Reba Plummer)	Agenda for the day		
		(Moderators: AM: Ben Prunty, and PM:		
		Pascal Billard)		
	Business Inn, Ottawa	Four Points by Sheraton, Gatineau		
6:00 to 8:00	Solidarity Happy Hour ( <u>D'Arcy McGee's, 44 Sparks Street</u> , Ottawa)			

	Friday November 3		
	At Four Points by Sheraton Gatineau, Notre Dame A unless stated otherwise noted.		
8:00am	Breakfast on your own		
8:15 am	Registration starts		
9:00 to 10:10am	Welcome, from CWCF (Reba Plummer), CoopZone (Pascal Billard), and Réseau COOP (Isabel		
	Faubert). Also from Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (Denyse Guy).		
	Introduction to the Theme and Ice-Breaking Activity		
10:10 to 10: 30am	Networking Break		
10:30 to 11:40am	Keynote: Senators <u>Lucie Moncion</u> and <u>Murray Sinclair</u> - with focus on the theme.		
11:40 to 12:10	CWCF AGM Part 1: Reports		

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12:10 to 12:55pm	Lunch (included in registration) R	Lunch (included in registration) Renaissance A			
12:55 to 1:30pm	Movement Break/walk				
1:30 to 2:40pm	Workshops:				
	A1) Learning from Co-op Failures to Lead to Success, Jocelyn Lessard, Executive Director, Quebec Forestry Co- op Federation, Yuill Hebert, Sustainability Solutions Group, and a La Siembra presenter (with simultaneous interpretation), facilitated by Russ Christianson. Notre Dame A	A2) Government Relations Workshop facilitated by Alain Roy, CWCF Government Affairs Advisor, with CMC Government Relations Director Eileen Barak, and CWCF's Hazel Corcoran (in English/ bilingual)	A3) Co-operative Problem- solving Strategy, Interactive Style led by Christine Joly (Réseau COOP) and Jessica Provencher (La Barberie Worker Co-op). Co-ops to present: Urbane Cyclist (Mackenzie Ogilvie), etc. Bilingual Notre Dame B		
2:40 to 3:00pm	Networking Break				
3:00 to 4:30pm	Forum Topic #1: Radical Roots to Radical Routes: a visionary approach to take the worker coop movement where we want to go, to have a real impact on the economy. Ensuring radical inclusivity at the same time — e.g. of, immigrant and Indigenous people, people of colour, young people, and anyone who is marginalized. Presenters: Mo Manklang, Communications Director, <u>USFWC</u> ; Omar Yaqub, a worker owner with <u>Alif Partners</u> Worker Co-op in Edmonton and Ben Prunty, Board member of CoopZone, and the <u>Hive Café Solidarity Co-op</u> , Montreal. Facilitated by Eric Tusz-King.				
4:40 to 5:40	Caucus Meetings				
6:15-8:15pm	Mix and Mingle Networking Party with Awards Presentation, hosted by La Siembra and Brierwood at La Siembra's Warehouse, 250 City Centre, Bay 130-132, Ottawa.  (Emcee: Tommy Allen)  Awards:  (1) Worker Co-op Best Practices Award: presented to La Siembra Co-op (by Colin MacDougall)  (2) Mark Goldblatt Merit Award: presented to Alain Bridault, Coop Orion (by Jocelyn Lessard and Hazel Corcoran)				

	Saturday November 4				
	At Four Points by Sheraton Gatineau, Notre Dame A unless stated otherwise noted.				
8:00am	Breakfast on your own				
8:15 am	Registration starts				
9:00 to 10:15am	Forum Topic #2: CWCF's Proposed new Strategic Plan: what do our members want CWCF to do, to support the growth and development of worker co-ops and the movement? Led by CWCF's Strategic Planning Committee, Reba Plummer (lead), also, Hazel Corcoran, & Kaye Grant				
10:15 to 10: 45	CWCF AGM Part 2: Financial Statements and Budget				
10:45 to 11: 05	Networking Break				
11:05 to 11:50	CWCF AGM Part 3: Nominations, director elections and resolutions				
11:50 to 12:15	Formal wrap-up and instructions for off-site workshops				
12:15 to 1:00	Lunch – (included) [Renaissance	Lunch – (included) [Renaissance A]			
12:15 to 1:00	Board reorganization meeting				
1:00 to 4:00pm	Workshops: (off-site – hosted by local co-op organizations)				
	B1) Keeping the Excitement as your Worker Co-op Matures (In English) Barry Ésau, Coop Coloc; Reba Plummer, Urbane Cyclist, Mo Manklang, US FWC.	B2) Recruiting and Orientation for New Members (With simultaneous interpretation) Led by <u>Isabel Faubert Mailloux</u> and Mathieu Dionne (both of the Réseau) Facilitated by Kiran Pal-Pross	B3) Open Forum Space Organized by Jessica Provencher (La Barberie) and Peter Hough (Sustainability Solutions Group) including Free Consulting Time by a Developer (In English)		
	Hosted by <u>La Siembra Co-op</u> [250 City Center, Bay 130-132, Ottawa]	Hosted by <u>Coopérative de</u> <u>développement régional-</u> <u>Outaouais</u> , which will describe how it attracts new people. [75 Eddy St, Gatineau]	Hosted by <u>Brierwood Cooperative</u> [#401, 1306 Wellington St W]		

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