This survey is part of a research study funded through Mitacs eAccelerate and Cohousing NL as the community partner. The goal of this research is to better understand why cohousing is generally not affordable and to inform innovation around how to make the development model more affordable and more broadly adopted across Canada (and hopefully transferrable to other jurisdictions). The data collected will be aggregated to develop common themes. It will also be stored indefinitely to support future research and innovation efforts aligned with the goal of more cohousing for more people. Data will be kept for a minimum of five years, as required by Memorial University's policy on Integrity in Scholarly Research.

We greatly appreciate your time and effort in completing the survey. This survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Please know, there is no obligation to participate and you are free to exit the survey at any point, as well as leave any questions blank or answer in any format that works for you (point form, prose, poetry, etc.). Consent to participation in this research is implied by submitting the survey, either by submitting via the button online or filling out the form and emailing to the lead researcher Wendy Reid Fairhurst at wreidfairhur@mun.ca. Once the survey is submitted, the information will be added to all the other survey results so that your name and contact information (added only if you would like to participate in further discussions) will not be attributable to your answers in the survey. This also means that once submitted, we cannot remove the anonymous input from the rest of the survey data. If you do choose to add identifiable information, your name and contact details will be held confidentially and not shared with anyone outside of the research team. Please feel free to reach out if you have have questions or concerns about this survey or how the information will be used.

Wendy is a PhD candidate in Interdisciplinary studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland in the departments of Sociology (why cohousing should be a more broadly adopted housing model), Critical Geography (what are the economic, political and cultural barriers and opportunities to increased adoption of cohousing in Canada), and Social Enterprise (what alternative business structures and funding models might increase affordable access to cohousing). Of note, Mitacs eAccelerate is a program to support student researchers who are also entrepreneurs, and as such Wendy is both a founding member of Cohousing NL as well as the funded intern on this research project.

As is the goal of this project, the findings and resulting solutions and/or tools will be shared freely online to support the goal of increasing cohousing affordability and increased adoption in Canada. If you would like access to this information, send an email stating your interest in being added to the email list that will send out updates for when the online resources will be available and/or when they are revised or updated.

learn more about the project, or if you have any hesitations or comments about this survey at wreidfairhur@mun.ca or 709-691-2890.

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How would you describe your interest in cohousing? *
I want to live in cohousing
I am working towards living in cohousing
I currently live in cohousing
I used to live in cohousing
Other:

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Thoughts on the Cohousing Model

These	questions	aim to	better	understand	the	variety of	of col	nousing	models.

How would you describe the current stage of your cohousing community?
Forming
O In development
Recently completed and occupied within the last year (<1yr)
Completed and occupied within the last five years (1-5yrs)
Been in operation for five to 15 years (5-15yrs)
Running for over 15 years (>15yrs)
Other:
Where is your cohousing community located?
Canada
O us
Other:



How would you describe the location of your cohousing community?
rural
O urban
Suburban
small town
Other:
What problem(s) does cohousing solve for you?
Your answer
What problem(s) does cohousing not solve, or even might create, for you?
Your answer



Select the best description of who owns what in the community.							
	Privately owned	Privately owned (with controls)	Commonly owned	Owned by Cooperative	Rented by another resident who lives in the community	Rented by a non- resident owner	Other (explain below)
Individual homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land around the homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common house/facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The rest of the land/property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial enterprise within the community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
What other ownership models exist in your community that may not have been covered above?							
Your answer							



How did you find your cohousing community?	
Participated in developing the community	
Joined an existing community near me	
Travelled to join an existing community	
Other:	
	Clear selection
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Thoughts on the Cohousing Development Process

These questions aim to better understand the cohousing development process.

What is the one thing that stands out in your mind about the cohousing development process?

Your answer



Who participated in the various stages of cohousing development for your community? (select all that apply, leave blank if you don't know or don't remember) Single or Oth Whole small Hired Construction Developer Investor (exp mmunity group of professional contractor belc individuals Getting together the initial group of people Spreading the word about cohousing Setting up how decisions get made Setting up a legal structure Purchasing the land Designing the community Managing the construction project Managing the money Building the physical structures



Building community and relationships							
Funding the construction							
Selling the units							
Were there ot have been mi	_	-	developme	nt process	s that ma	ıy	
Your answer							



What barriers to the development process did you or your community face in developing the community?

	not a barrier	somewhat of a barrier	definitely a barrier	the biggest barrier
Upfront soft costs	0	0	0	0
Land costs	0	0	0	0
Unsuitable land	0	0	0	0
Accessing capital	0	0	0	0
Construction costs	0	0	0	0
Construction financing	0	0	0	0
Organizing people	0	0	0	0
Dedicated time and energy required	0	0	0	0
Decision-making process	0	0	0	0
Long development process	0	0	0	0
Municipal regulations	0	0	0	0
Neighbours or public	0	0	0	0
Achieving the required pre-sales	0	0	0	0



Accessing mortgage(s)	0	0	0	0	
Affordability of units	0	0	0	0	
Achieving diversity of residents	0	0	0	0	
Other (explain below)	0	0	0	0	
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Community management				
Individual mortgages (financing for individual units)				
Community mortgages (financing for community buildings, possibly including units if community- owned)				
Creating affordable units				
Sustainable technologies				
Community building activities				
Ongoing maintenance and repairs				
Other (as described above)				



Real estate advising and fees			hidden columns shown							
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If you selected "other" (above) indicating some level of support for another aspect of cohousing development, please describe:

Your answer



To your knowledge, what is the main source of funding for the ongoing costs of the cohousing community? (select all that apply)								
	Single or small group of community members	Equally among community members	Friends and family investment	Outside private investment	Government or nonprofit funding	Traditiona bank loar / mortgage		
Community management (accounting, taxes, etc.)								
Landscaping and property maintenance								
Community repairs and maintenance								
Unit repairs and maintenance								
Capital improvements in commons spaces (eg. renovations, additional buildings, etc.)								
Capital improvements in private units								
Reselling units in the community								
Operating the community (eg. lights,							0	



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Operating individual units (eg. lights, heat, repairs to privately owned spaces)								
Municipal taxes								
Mortgage(s) on common facilities								
Mortgages on individual units								
If you selected "other" (above) source of funding, please describe: Your answer								
What type of support would have helped the most in the development of your cohousing community?								
Your answer								



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What are the most frustrating aspects of developing cohousing?

Your answer

What are the most rewarding aspects of developing cohousing?

Your answer

How would you describe the cohousing development process?

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Very easy

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Are there other important benefits of cohousing that were missed in the previous question?

Your answer

What is your opinion on the amount of cohousing communities there are in your country/region?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

There are no communities near me.

There are way too many units for sale in cohousing communities near me.

Do you have any thoughts about how to make cohousing more affordable?

Your answer

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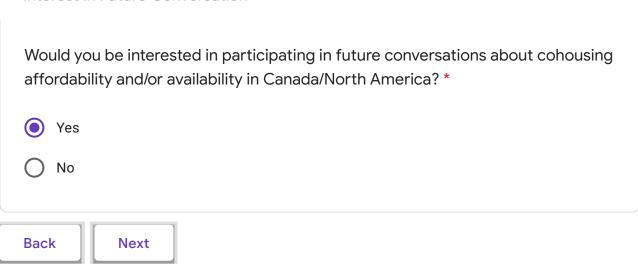
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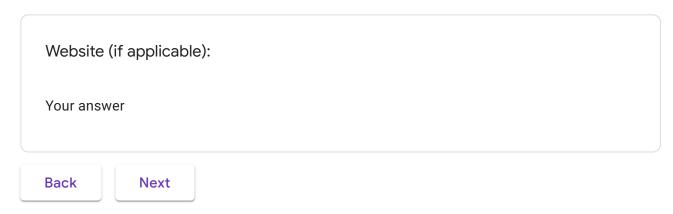
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