



2017 PROVINCIAL

# ON CO-OP CONFERENCE

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## PEOPLE, PLANET, PROSPERITY: CO-OPERATIVES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Leaders, board directors, members, employees and students of co-operatives will leave with **tools** and **inspiration** to develop more sustainable organizations, which in turn will help strengthen the Ontario Movement. Ample networking opportunities will be provided for creating connections and building collaborations that will go well beyond the one-day conference!

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### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

7:00am	Registration Open
7:15 – 8:15am	Buffet Breakfast and Networking Reception
8:30– 9:45am	On Co-op <u>Annual General Meeting</u>
10:00 – 10:30am	Keynote Address by Michael Barrett, CEO, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative
10:45 – 12:00pm	Moderated Panel Discussion
12:00 – 1:00pm	17th <u>Co-operative Spirit Awards</u> Ceremony* and Buffet Lunch
1:00 – 4:00pm	Plenary Presentations & Breakout/Facilitated Roundtable Discussions
4:00 – 4:30pm	Conference Highlights & Takeaways with Alisdair Smith
4:30 – 6:00pm	Cocktail Reception, in partnership with the Credit Union <u>Directors' Forum</u>
6:00 – 9:30pm	<u>Banquet Dinner &amp; Fundraiser</u> , in partnership with the Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF)**

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\* The **Spirit Awards** is an opportunity for the sector to recognize the incredible contributions of both an Ontario co-operative and an individual, who demonstrates leadership in sustainable development and promoting the co-operative identity. Learn more and submit your nominations by the July 31 deadline!

\*\* All the proceeds of the **Banquet & Fundraiser** will go towards supporting the CDF's efforts to develop more sustainable communities and alleviate poverty across the globe. The fee to attend the Banquet is \$115 + HST and is separate from the Conference. A tax receipt will be issued for the Banquet.

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### Registration & Accommodations

- A new **members-only** rate of **\$275 + HST** is now available, discounted from the general admission rate of **\$350 + HST!** Learn more about the Conference and Banquet fees and discounts!
- A *limited* block of rooms have been set aside for our delegates at a **discounted rate of \$269 + HST** per room, per night on a **first come first serve basis**. Learn more!

### Partnership Opportunities

Other than participating in the conference there are many other ways to get involved and help make this unique co-operative event a great success! You can: sponsor the Conference; sponsor the Banquet; or provide a Subsidy for an individual who otherwise cannot afford to attend the Conference.

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To learn more about the Provincial Conference visit us **online**, or contact Audrey at **[aacz@ontario.coop](mailto:aacz@ontario.coop)** or at **1.888.745.5521 x. 24**