



Peter Cameron – Co-operative Development Manager

Peter is responsible for supporting existing co-ops and starting new co-ops by responding to inquiries, co-ordinating our technical assistance program and identifying funding opportunities to expand our co-operative development activities. He also works with various government ministries to promote the co-operative business model.

Peter joined On Co-op in April of 2011. Co-ops have always been his passion and he has extensive experience starting and working in co-op businesses. He was on the founding boards of Silverwood Housing Co-operative, Guelph Food Co-operative, Guelph Co-op Council and Sumac Community Worker Co-operative (Planet Bean Coffee). He was a Co-op Business Developer and Executive Director of the Ontario Worker Co-op Federation 1993-2002. He is a graduate of the Co-operative Management Certificate Program sponsored by OnCo-op and the Schulich School of Business. Peter graduated from McMaster University with a Hons BSc. He is the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to On Co-op Award 2004 and the CWCF Worker Co-op Merit Award 2005.

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About the Ontario Co-operative Association

The Ontario Co-operative Association is the trade association that develops, engages, educates and advocates for Ontario's 1,300 co-operative businesses. On Co-op is an information and resources network with a mission to lead, cultivate and connect co-operatives. We believe that co-operatives build a better world.

More than 60 organizations form the membership base of On Co-op, which now represents 85% of the province's English-speaking co-operatives. On Co-op celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012, the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives.

About Co-operatives

Co-operatives are community-focussed businesses that balance people, planet and profit.

Co-ops are democratic and value-based, formed to seize local opportunities and meet the needs of their member-owners. As a trusted place to do business, co-operatives are chosen by more than 1 in 7 people worldwide. Twice as many co-ops remain in operation after ten years as other types of business enterprise.

Ontario has more than **1,300 co-ops**, credit unions and caisse populaires, with **1,900** locations in more than **400** Ontario communities. The sector has **\$30 billion** in assets; **\$2.1 billion** in annual revenue, **15,500** employees; **1.4 million** members; and is governed by **10,000** volunteer board members.