



Homegrown, Handmade on Gabriola & Mudge Islands
P.O. Box 152, Gabriola, B.C. V0R 1X2 | www.gabriolaagriculturalcoop.com

Membership Application Form

Statement of Co-operative Identity: *A co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise. They are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. (International Co-operative Alliance. ica.ca)*

Our Co-op's primary purpose is to support Gabriola and Mudge Island farmers, food producers, and the local agriculture industry in a system of food production that is healthy, fresh, and environmentally responsible.

This agreement outlines the rights and responsibilities of an individual that has purchased a membership in the Co-operative and the obligations of the Co-operative to those members.

Rights as a member of the co-operative

As a member of the co-operative, I am entitled to:

- Have one vote at general and other co-op meetings and receive proper notice of meetings.
- Serve on a committee or run for a position on the board of directors.
- Participate in the co-operative's operations and governance.
- Raise concerns or issues I identify with the co-operative.
- Receive information about the co-operative's financial status and other important processes or decision (e.g., resolutions).

Responsibilities as a member of the co-operative

As a member of the co-operative, I have a responsibility to:

- Participate in the governance of the co-operative through attendance of general meeting, voting on decisions, asking questions, and participating on boards and committees.
- Support the mission, vision, and goals of the co-operative.
- Adhere to the policies and procedures of the co-operative set out in the organizational documents and created by the board.
- Support the co-operative's operations by using its services or contributing to the delivery of services.
- Learn more about the co-operative's operations and organizational capacity.

Obligations of the co-operative to members

As a member of the co-operative, I understand that the co-operative is obligated to:

- Provide notice of meetings and information on ways that I can participate in the co-operative's governance.
- Maintain a transparent and efficient system of decision-making that is inclusive of the membership and supportive of the mission and vision of the co-operative.
- Conduct business, through the board or staff, that is in the best interest of the co-operative and its members.
- Use my financial contribution effectively and responsibly and redeem my shares in the event I leave the co-operative.



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Please tell us why you want to join with us in the co-op and what your primary interest is in becoming a member:

Please tell us what skills, knowledge and experience you have that you can offer the co-op:

We are pleased you are applying to join our co-operative. Your application will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors who will respond directly to you by email or phone.

On approval of your membership, you will be assigned to one of two classes of membership, as follows:

Consumer Member:

A permanent resident of Gabriola who is a consumer of food from local food sources and who support the goals of the co-operative.

Producer Member:

A permanent resident of Gabriola who is actively engaged in farming, food production, or food processing from local food sources.



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Declaration

I _____ understand the rights and responsibilities of membership in the Gabriola Agricultural Co-operative and agree to them. I agree to buy one membership shares with a par value of \$5.00.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Best way to contact me: email phone

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Membership Application Received: _____

Board Meeting Date: _____

Class Assigned:

Consumer Member

Producer Member

Notes: _____
