Presentation On Affordable Housing

Professor Grant Wanzel of the DalTech Faculty of Architecture will speak on affordable housing solutions at the CACL Workshop on Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 pm. Prof. Wanzel is president of the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, vice-president of the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia, and president of the Creighton-Garrish Development Association in Halifax.

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The presentation will cover a wide range of housing solutions, including co-ops, land trusts, ministerial guarantees, government programs, and some initiatives of non-governmental organizations. Wanzel has been active in this field for many years and has a wealth of expertise he will share with Antigonish area residents.

On Friday at noon, interested persons are invited to the Antigonish Women's Resource Center to discuss ideas for action within Antigonish. "Antigonish has an extremely low vacancy rate (0% as of October 1997),

and rents in the Town of Antigonish and the south end of Halifax are the highest in the province," AWRC spokesperson Katherine Reed says. "Antigonish town has many subsidized housing units, particularly for families and seniors, because of the shortage of land, the price of land, the influence of the off-campus student population and the need for low-income people to be close to services since they often do not have reliable transportation."

Both Friday's and Saturday's meetings are open to the public and are sponsored by the Antigonish Coalition for Economic Justice. Anyone requiring further information about these events should contact Ed Miller, ACEJ general secretary, at 863-6965.

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