**2018 CREDIT UNION** & ECO -NOMIC **IMPACT REPORT** 





"I would like to congratulate Canada's credit unions for another incredible year making a difference in their communities. Here is their story."

Martha Durdin President & CEO. Canadian Credit Union Association

# Canada's 252 credit unions and caisses populaires

- Serve 5.72 million members (outside of Quebec)
- Contribute over \$6.5 billion directly and indirectly to Canada's GDP
- Operate from 1,775 locations
- Are the only financial institution operating in 395 Canadian communities
- Directly and indirectly employ more than 58,000 Canadians

- Are governed by 2,268 volunteer directors
- 34% of volunteer directors at credit unions are women – this exceeds the international goal of 30% women on boards
- Female CEOs number 34%, proving credit unions are leading Canada's financial services in gender parity

# Giving back to our members

Credit unions exist to provide service to members and not solely to generate profit. This different way of doing banking allows us to help Canadians hold on to more of their money.

## 4,500 DING-FREE ATMS

Across Canada, members can access surcharge free ATMs through THE EXCHANGE network and ACCULINK shared service.



# **\$19 MILLION SAVED**



Members saved nearly \$19 million on ATM fees by using THE EXCHANGE and ACCULINK networks.

## **RETURNED \$174 MILLION TO MEMBERS**



In 2017, credit unions returned \$174 million to their members through dividends and patrongage.



That works out to an average of \$34 in cash for each of our 5.7 million credit union members.

# Giving back to the community



In 2017, an average of 5.4 per cent of credit union pre-tax income went to community donations and sponsorships, compared to an average of less than one per cent for the five banks.

## In the same year, credit unions contributed **\$62.4 million** through:



\$23.3M

**DONATIONS** 



\$17.3M

**SPONSORSHIPS** 



\$12.8M

**FINANCIAL SERVICES TO** 63,136 COMMUNITY **ORGANIZATIONS** 



\$2.3M

2,243 SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES



\$4.9M

**DONATIONS** -IN-KIND



\$1.8M

**CREDIT UNION CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS** 



302,035

**VOLUNTEER HOURS** 

# **Strengthening Canada's Economy**

# Credit unions add \$6.5 billion to Canada's economy:



#### **DIRECT IMPACT**

Credit union and **Centrals operations** 

29,000 full-time jobs \$3.4 billion in GDP



#### INDIRECT IMPACT

Services supplied to credit unions by other firms

15,157 full-time jobs \$1.5 billion in GDP



#### **INCOME IMPACT**

Effect of employee wages 14,215 full-time jobs \$1.5 billion in GDP

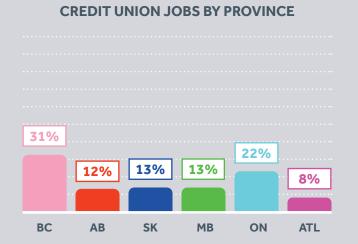


#### **DIVIDEND IMPACT**

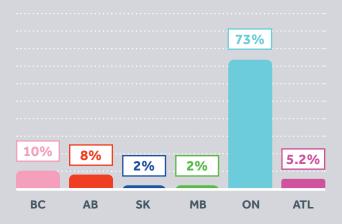
Effect of dividends paid to credit union members

977 full-time jobs \$117 million in GDP

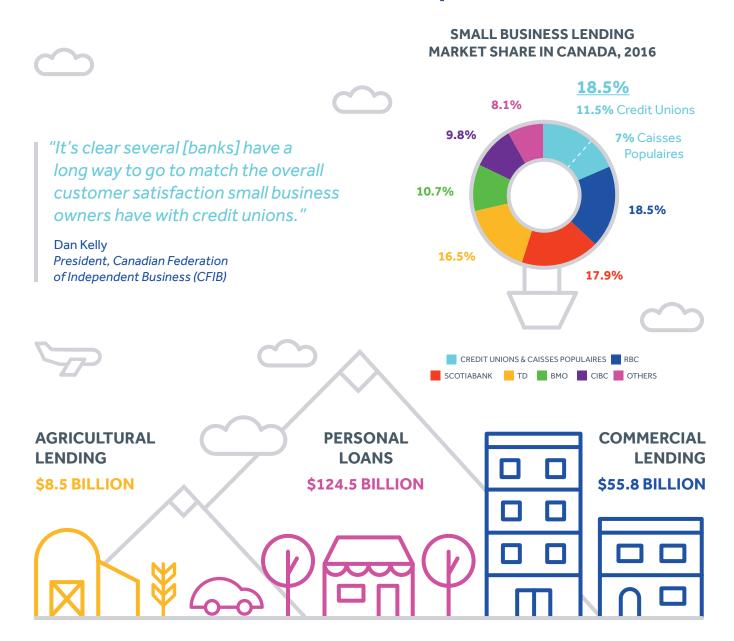
## Good jobs in your community



#### **BANK JOBS BY PROVINCE**



# Providing homeowners, small business owners and farmers with access to vital capital



# **Credit unions are leaders in corporate** social responsibility

## **B-Corp Certification**

Credit unions were among the first financial institutions & cooperatives to become Certified B Corporations in Canada, competing to be not only the best in the world, but the **best for the world.** 











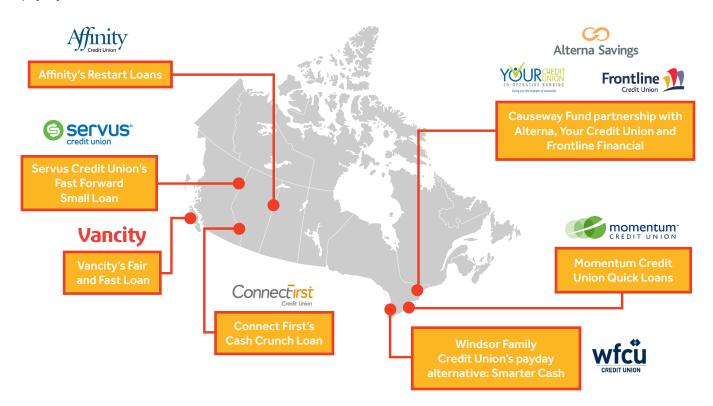






## Payday lending alternatives

Nine credit unions are providing Canadians with a loan option that helps them steer clear of predatory and expensive payday loans.



# Credit unions drive sustainable growth

### Volunteerism

Volunteering is another way credit unions support their communities.



In 2017, credit union employees contributed 302,035 volunteer hours to their communities.



Co-ops help co-ops. In 2017, 80 credit unions and Centrals made financial contributions to the Co-Operative Development Foundation of Canada.

These contributions helped CDF impact 213,000 women, men and children by focusing on food, security, community and economic development, and gender equality.



## Fach One Teach One

Since 2008, volunteer credit union staff have met and worked with thousands of Canadians to increase their financial knowledge, skills and confidence through the Each One Teach One (EOTO) initiative.

In 2017, volunteers from ninety-three credit unions and Centrals offered EOTO courses to members and non-members in their communities.





# Partnering for public policy solutions







In 2017, Canadian credit unions partnered with governments to tackle pressing public policy issues including:



Collaborating with the federal government to provide financial education and raise consumer awareness of their rights and responsibilities.

Helping young children get a head start each day with the school breakfast program.

Partnering with the federal government and SmartSAVER to increase participation in Canada Learning Bond.

Supporting social enterprises focused on under-served populations through the impact investing pilot program.

Being among the first in the private sector to commit to implementing all 94 recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report.

Building a sense of identity and culture among Canada's Francophone youth by supporting community events such as les Jeux de la Francophonie.

Developing a variety of initiatives and programs to improve the financial literacy of Canadians.

Assisting in the Fort McMurray forest fire recovery efforts.

Helping to develop a skilled, entrepreneurial workforce and retain youth in the Atlantic region through the Atlantic Central bursary program.

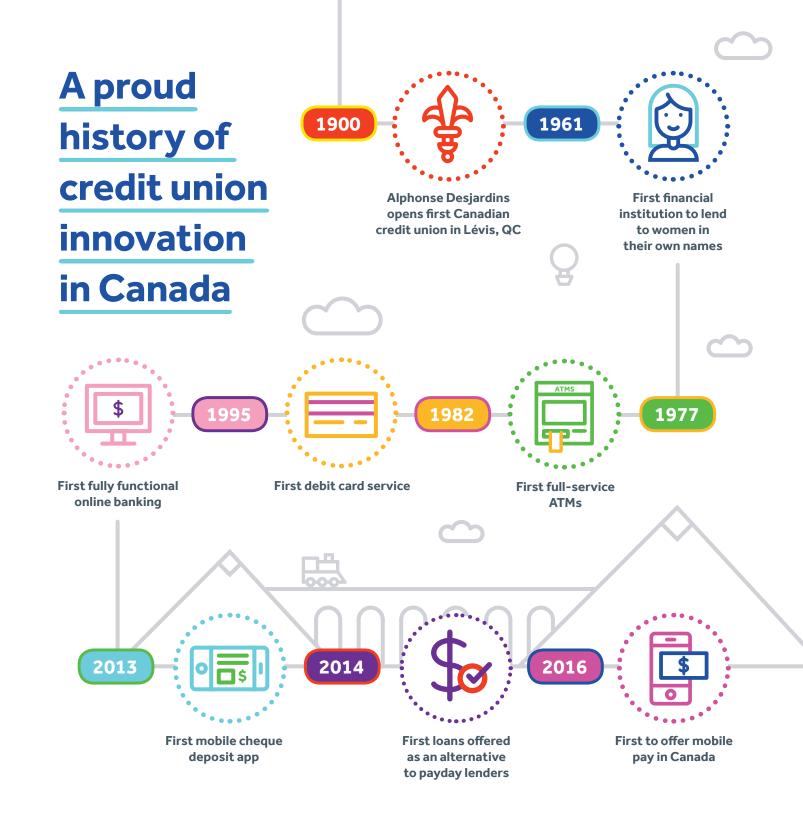
Offering the first viable alternatives to payday loans.

Helping farmers establish and develop farms through the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act.

Collaborating with the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada to raise consumer awareness of financial issues.

Partnering with governments and not-forprofits to finance thousands of cooperative and affordable housing units.







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