



NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING

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Minutes

NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING Board of Directors Meeting

#108 – 2012

NRH Board Room
Campbell East, 3rd Floor
2201 St. David's Road
Thorold, ON

Friday, January 27, 2012 – 9:10 A.M.

Attendees

Directors/

Members: K. Murray, H. D'Angela C. Jolliffe, B. Baker, G. Marshall, S. Cordiner, A. King, Tim Rigby, R. Katzman, P. O'Neill, J. Osczytko, B. Hannah, D. Barrick at 9:32 A.M.

Regrets: K. Blackley, G. Marshall

NRH Staff: L. Beckwith, M. Fearnside, W. Thompson, M. MacLellan V. Amato

Regional Staff: K. Chislett, Commissioner Community Services
D. Mino, Program Financial Analyst

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. The Chair welcomed R. Katzman to her first official meeting as a Director. Directors were advised that the General Meeting was cancelled, as By- Law #2 needs to be reworded.

1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict

Staff requested that item 4.3. be considered first under closed-session business.

*Moved by H. D'Angela
Seconded by B. Hannah*

Members/Directors:

Karen **Murray**, Chair
Public-at-large,
St. Catharines

Henry **D'Angela**, Vice-Chair
Councillor, Thorold

Betty Ann **Baker**, Secretary
Stakeholder, Welland

Catherine **Jolliffe**, Treasurer
Stakeholder, Welland

Karen **Blackley**
Stakeholder, Thorold

David **Barrick**
Councillor, Port Colborne

Shirley, **Cordiner**
Public-at-Large, Fort Erie

Barbara **Hannah**
Tenant, Niagara Falls

Alan **King**
Stakeholder, Welland

Ronna **Katzman**
Councillor, St. Catharines

George **Marshall**
Councillor, Welland

Patrick **O'Neill**
Stakeholder,
Niagara-on-the-Lake

John **Osczytko**
Public-at-Large, Welland

Tim **Rigby**
Councillor, St. Catharines

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

J. Osczytko, Executive Director of Gateway Residential and Community Support Services, declared a conflict with item 3.7. *Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara Transition Housing Project – Capital Loan.*

2. Approval of Minutes December 13, 2011 Meeting

Moved by C. Jolliffe

Seconded by J. Osczytko

That the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Business Arising

2.1. IAH Funding – PDFP

Staff advised that the IAH Funding report was approved by PHSS and Council.

3. New Business

3.1. 4th Quarter 2011 Operational Reports - Report 12-108-3.1.

Staff highlighted the increase in households with Special Priority and Health and Safety status on the waiting list.

Moved by P. O'Neill

Seconded by T. Rigby

That the NRH Board of Directors approves the Operational Reports and Report on Variances as at December 31, 2011.

CARRIED

3.2. 4th Quarter 2011 Report to Council Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2011 - Report 12-108-3.2.

Directors' attention was drawn to pages 7 to 10 of the report which lists the many community partners who provided programs and services to NRH tenants during the last quarter of 2011.

Moved B. Hannah

Seconded by T. Rigby

That Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report to Council, October 1 to December 31, 2011 be approved and forwarded to the Public Health and

Social Services Committee and subsequently to Regional and Municipal Councils for information.

CARRIED

3.3. Pending Acquisition of Land – Broadoak Phase 2 Design Options - Report 12-108-3.3.

A lengthily discussion ensued regarding a community house at this location.

D. Barrick joined the meeting at 9:32 A.M.

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by J. Osczytko

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves moving forward with a design for Phase 2 of Broadoak that adds a 1 bedroom unit and a smaller community centre that can be easily converted to a 1 bedroom unit if the community centre is not required upon review of usage after 2 years of occupancy.

CARRIED

3.4. 2011 National Housing Day Survey – Report 12-108-3.4.

Staff provided results of the 2011 National Housing Day Survey for Directors information.

3.5. Bill 140 – Housing Services Act - Local Areas of Flexibility – Report 12-108-3.5.

Moved by A. King

Seconded by B. Baker

That Niagara Regional Housing Board approves the schedule of the Housing Services Act (HSA) local policy review, as shown as Appendix B of report 12-108-3.5., Bill 140 – Housing Services Act – Local Areas of Flexibility.

CARRIED

3.6. Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario - Advancement of Administration Funding into Year One – Report 12-108-3.6.

Moved by S. Cordiner

Seconded by P. O'Neill

1) *That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves the request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to bring forward administration funding of \$237,991 into the first year of the Investment in Affordable Housing in Ontario program; and,*

- 2) ***That the Chair of the NRH Board be authorized to sign the attached "Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario – Business Case for Additional Administration Fees for Fiscal Year 1 (2011-12)".***

CARRIED

3.7. Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara Transition Housing Project – Capital Loan – Report 12-108-3.7.

J. Osczytko having declared a conflict did not comment or vote.

*Moved by D. Barrick
Seconded by A. King*

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves a capital funding no-interest loan of \$68,734 for Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara (CSSN) for the completion of 3 transitional housing units in its new building at 569 King Street, Port Colborne

CARRIED

3.8. Ministerial Consent - Sale of Owned Units – Report 12-108-3.8.

*Moved by H. D'Angela
Seconded by P. O'Neill*

That the Board of Directors receives this report, as amended, for information.

CARRIED

3.9. Plan for 10th Anniversary Events

April 1, 2012 marks Niagara Regional Housing's 10-year anniversary. At their January meeting, the Executive Committee considered how best to mark this milestone. Given the state of the economy, it was felt that an elaborate celebration would not be appropriate. Rather, a series of local events publicizing what NRH does could "tag" onto other scheduled meetings/events, with director representation. Consideration should be given to tenant surveys for the Housing and Homelessness Plan, BBQ at Broadoak, RAFT Community House activities with local partners. Businesses and banks should be invited where applicable.

Sample NRH 10th Anniversary logo's were passed around the table. One will be selected for use during the remainder of 2012.

4. Closed Session – 10:13 A.M.

With the exception of L. Beckwith, M. MacLellan and V. Amato, staff left the meeting.

*Move by B. Hannah
Seconded by A. King*

That the meeting move into closed session to consider information of a confidential nature relating to:

- 1) *Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations regarding Results from the Interim Reorganization.*
- 2) *Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations regarding Proposed Reorganization*
- 3) *Security of property of the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, regarding Fire Safety Inspections – Scott Street, St.,Catharines*
- 4) *Labour relations or employee negotiations regarding Business Continuity Planning*

CARRIED

4.3. Fire Safety Inspections – Scott Street, St.,Catharines - Report IC 12-108-4.3.

*Moved by A. King
Seconded by B. Baker*

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves staff recommendation in report IC 12-108-4.3.

CARRIED

M. MacLellan left the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

4.1. Results from the Interim Reorganization – Report IC 12-108-4.1.

*Moved by A. King
Seconded by R. Katzman*

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves staff recommendation in report IC 12-108-4.1.

CARRIED

4.2. Proposed Reorganization - Report IC 12-108-4.2.

*Moved by A. King
Seconded by S. Cordiner*

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves staff recommendation in report IC 12-108-4.2.

CARRIED

4.3. Business Continuity Planning

11:25 A.M.

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by B. Hannah

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors rise with report.

CARRIED

4.a.

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by D. Barrick

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors direct staff to investigate safety risks in NRH buildings and associated costs for upgrades.

CARRIED

Action by: M. MacLellan

4.b.

Staff was also directed to submit a full report on organizational staffing needs to minimize risks based on increased service volume, complexity of work load, new legislation, ageing buildings, economic downturn and succession planning. The report should include comparisons to other similar service manager areas.

Action by: L. Beckwith

5. General Manager's Report

The General Manager will be speaking at the Golden Horseshoe Cooperative Housing Federation meeting tomorrow at the Four Points, Thorold.

6. Chair's Report

The Executive Committee is reviewing the NRH Committee Structure in detail.

General meeting to confirm By-Law #2 will be held after the regular meeting on February 24th.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Executive Committee, Karen Murray, Chair

Minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting were provided for information..

7.2. Governance Committee

No minutes.

7.3. Investment Committee, H. D'Angela, Chair

No minutes.

7.4. Applicant/Tenant Appeals Committee

Minutes of the December 13, 2011 appeal meeting were provided for information.

7.5. Tender Awards Committee, A. King, Chair

No minutes.

7.6. Tenant Advisory Group, B. Hannah

Minutes of the October 12, 2011 quarterly meeting were provided for information.

7.7. Housing Provider Advisory Group, C. Jolliffe, Chair

No minutes.

7.8. Community Advisory Group, B. Baker, Chair

No Minutes.

8. For Information

8.1. Action Items from Previous Meetings

Correspondence/Media

There was no correspondence.

9. BREAK – not required

10. Presentation – not scheduled

11. Other Business

There was no other business

12. Next Meetings

Friday, February 24, 2012 - 9:00 A.M. – Election of Officers
General Meeting following regular meeting
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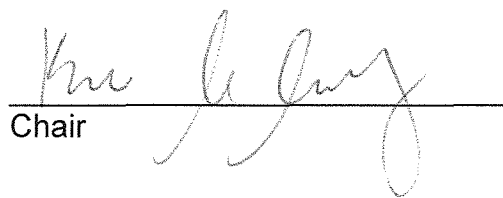
13. Adjournment

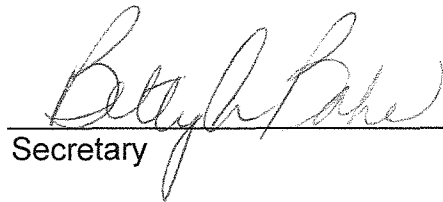
Motion to Adjourn at 11:35 A.M.

Moved by D. Barrick

Seconded by P. O'Neill

Minutes Approved:


Chair


Secretary