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NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING Board of Directors Meeting

#110 – 2012

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

Friday, March 30, 2012 – 9:00 A.M.

Attendees

Directors/

Members: K. Murray, D'Angela, C. Jolliffe, B. Baker,
G. Marshall, G. Marshall, S. Cordiner, J. Osczytko,
B. Hannah, K. Blackley, D. Barrick at 9:37 A.M.
R. Katzman till 10:00 A.M., T. Rigby till 11:00 A.M.

Regrets: P. O'Neill, A. King

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

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

Guests: M. Lethby, ED, RAFT for item 3.6. Presentation

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict

*Moved by J. Osczytko
Seconded by S. Cordiner*

That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. February 24, 2012 Regular Meeting

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by B. Hannah

That the minutes of the February 24, 2012 regular meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. February 24, 2012 General Meeting

Moved by G. Marshall

Seconded by H. D'Angela

That the minutes of the February 24, 2012 General meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Business Arising

2.3. There was no Business Arising

3. New Business

3.1. Broadoak Acquisition of Land – Phase 2 – Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corp. Financing Proposal and Borrowing Resolution - Report 12-110-3.1.

M. Fearnside Manager Housing Programs reviewed the report advising that the estimated costs of \$4.5 mil related to the construction of Broadoak phase 2 will be financed through Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation. An external legal firm will review the security requirements to ensure NRH is protected.

Moved by S. Cordiner

Seconded by B. Baker

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors:

- 1. Approve the financing proposal provided by Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) in respect of the financing for Broadoak Phase 2; and,***
- 2. Adopt the Borrowing Resolution for the specific financing through OILC; and***
- 3. Authorize the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to sign the financing agreement once finalized.***

CARRIED

3.2. Bill 140 – *Housing Services Act* Local Rules – Rent Geared to Income (RGI) Eligibility – Report 12-110-3.2.

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by H. D'Angela

That Niagara Regional Housing Board approves new local rule related to RGI eligibility under the Housing Services Act (HSA).

CARRIED

3.3. Family Support Worker Pilot - Report 12-110-3.3.

There was much discussion regarding this report as M. MacLellan, Manager, Housing Operations reviewed it with the Directors. It was noted that a small number of NRH tenants were assisted in receiving child and spousal support. Although increased tenant income resulted in increased rental revenue, the costs of the program far exceeded rental revenue gains.

Community Services and NRH do not have the funding to continue this program. A resource package will be developed for applicants when they apply that direct them to services/agencies who will assist with accessing spousal and child support.

Moved by H. D'Angela

Seconded by S. Cordiner

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves the suspension of the Family Support Worker Pilot and that staff determine in 6 months time if resources allow for re-introduction of the program.

CARRIED

Action by: M. MacLellan

3.4. 2011 Financial Statements – Report 12-110-3.4.

The 2011 Financial Statements prepared by KPMG were reviewed with the auditor at the March 26, 2012 meeting of the NRH Executive/Audit Committee and are recommended by the Committee for Board approval.

Moved by G. Marshall

Seconded by B. Hannah

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approves the 2011 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

3.5. Inventory of NRH Community Houses – 12-110-3.5.

W. Thompson, Resource Unit Manager, explained that programs and services in NRH Community Houses are tailored to the specific needs of each community.

D. Barrick joined the meeting at 9:37 A.M.

Throughout the year, NRH partners with a long list of community agencies, whose programs and services are delivered at no cost to NRH.

Summer programming has been delivered through a contract with the RAFT for the last two years. In 2012, summer programs will be delivered by the RAFT in Manchester, Old Pine Trail, Rykert and Warden/Waters, by Faith Welland in McLaughlin and by the Multicultural Centre in Bowden.

Since funding has been reduced to many agencies, the Directors suggested that staff consider submitting a joint application with another agency for a Trillium grant.

Moved by K. Blackley

Seconded by J. Osczytko

That the NRH Board receives this report for information purposes; and, that it be referred to the brainstorming session on Community Economic Development.

CARRIED

A lengthy discussion ensued. S. Cordiner, B. Baker, K. Blackley and R. Katzman volunteered to sit on the new committee. A scoping session will be scheduled for the 2nd or 3rd week of April. Staff will provide an inventory of agencies and programs currently being provided in NRH communities. S. Cordiner offered to host the meeting at the Children's Safety Village.

K. Chislett will discuss with her staff, requesting a volunteer from Community Services Department.

Action by: W. Thompson

10:00 A.M. - R. Katzman left the meeting.

All agreed to a short recess and were invited to partake in refreshments provided in honour of NRH's 10th anniversary. A chart of anniversary events that will occur throughout year was distributed.

The meeting reconvened at 10:10 A.M.

3.6. RAFT Presentation – Rykert/Old Pine Trail Update – Report 12-110-3.6.

Mike Lethby, Executive Director, Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT), provided an in depth report on the work undertaken to date relating to the Intensive Community Development program at 59 Rykert Street, St. Catharines and 10 Old Pine Trail, St. Catharines. A sheet displaying Community Demographics and Survey Respondent Demographics was distributed.

Mr. Lethby explained the methodology used and the survey results of the environment in each community. Although both are family communities they had very different outlooks in some areas. Both require more than just after school programming. Community Connectors will work with schools, police, city and church groups and ensure flexible planning that addresses changing needs and promotes healthy communities.

*Moved by B. Hannah
Seconded by S. Cordiner*

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors receives the presentation and report for information; and, that it be referred to the brainstorming session on Community Economic Development.

CARRIED

Action by: W. Thompson

T. Rigby left the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

4. Closed Session – 11:00 A.M.

*Move by G. Marshall
Seconded by B. Baker*

That the meeting move into closed session to consider information of a confidential nature relating to Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affection the municipality or local board – update re: Housing provider

CARRIED

*Move by S. Cordiner
Seconded by K. Blackley*

That the Board rise with report.

CARRIED

*Moved by G. Marshall
Seconded by H. D'Angela*

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors approve the removal of this item from the Action List.

CARRIED

5. General Manager's Report

Nothing further to report.

5.1. Financial Statement as at December 31, 2011 – Report 12-110-5.1.

Provided for information; approved in item 3.4.

6. Chair's Report

No report.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Executive Committee, Karen Murray, Chair

No approved minutes.

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 February 21, 2012 hearing were provided for information.

7.5. Tender Awards Committee, A. King, Chair

No minutes.

7.6. Tenant Advisory Group, B. Hannah

No Minutes of the quarterly meetings.

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

8.2. Nothing for this month.

9. BREAK – taken earlier

10. Presentation by RAFT under item 3.6.

11. Other Business

There was no other business

12. Next Meeting

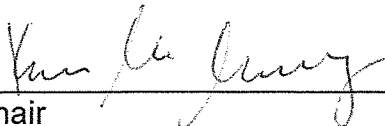
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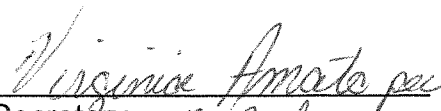
13. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 11:13 A.M.

*Moved by K. Blackley
Seconded by B. Hannah*

Minutes Approved:


Chair


Secretary *B. Baker*