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Karen Murray  
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John Osczytko  
Public-at-Large, Welland

Tim Rigby,  
Councillor St. Catharines

**Minutes**

**NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**#125 – 2013**

**Topaz Room at 9:00 A.M.**  
Four Points by Sheraton  
3530 Schmon Parkway  
Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6

September 27, 2013 – 9:10 A.M.

**Attendees**

**Directors/**

**Members:** S. Cordiner, H. D'Angela, K. Blackley, P. O'Neill  
G. Marshall, B. Baker, C. Jolliffe, T. Rigby,  
K. Kendrick, J. Osczytko, K. Murray, B. Hannah,  
D. Barrick at 9:34 A.M.

**Absent:** R. Katzman

**NRH Staff:** L. Beckwith, M. MacLellan, M. Fearnside, A. Swigger  
V. Amato

**Regional Staff:** D. Mino, Program Financial Analyst

**Guests:** Brad Robinson & Art Rebek, ARC Engineering Inc. for  
item 4.1.

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict**

Items 4.1. and 7.1. are received for information.

*Moved by K. Blackley*

*Seconded by T. Rigby*

***That the agenda be ADOPTED as adjusted.***

**CARRIED**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

### 2.1. Minutes of the August 16, 2013 Meeting

*Moved by B. Hannah*

*Seconded by G. Marshall*

***That the minutes of the August 16, 2013 meeting be ADOPTED.***

CARRIED

### 2.2. Business Arising

There was no business arising

## 3. Presentation

Independent Audit and Performance Review of Energy – 7775 Jubilee Drive, Niagara Falls

Brad Robinson, Manager of Projects for ARC Engineering Inc. provided a detailed presentation of Appendix A, report 13-125-4.21. and answered several questions.

## 4. Staff Reports

### 4.1. Energy Audit & Review – 7775 Jubilee Drive, Niagara Falls – Report 13-125-4.1.

*Moved by J. Osczytko*

*Seconded by H. D'Angela*

***That the Niagara Regional Housing Board RECEIVES report 13-125-4.1., Energy Audit & Review – 7775 Jubilee Drive, Niagara Falls, for information.***

CARRIED

### 4.2. Niagara Renovates Program – Fiscal 2014/2015 Joint RFP for Emergency Shelters – Report 13-125-4.2.

M. Fearnside reviewed the report.

*Moved by T. Rigby*

*Seconded by G. Marshall*

***That the Niagara Regional Housing Board APPROVES the following revisions to the Niagara Renovates Program:***

1. **To allocate up to \$350,000 from the total 2014/2015 Niagara Renovates funding to capital replacement work for shelters assisting victims of family violence (VFV); with the balance of \$775,440 allocated to homeowner & secondary suite applications; and,**
2. **Release of a joint NRH & Community Services RFP for VFV shelters and emergency homelessness shelters.**

CARRIED

4.3. **Changes to Ministerial Consent under the Housing Services Act 2011 – Report 13-125-4.3.**

Staff was directed to expand the report to include all functions undertaken by NRH that are legislative requirements but do not necessarily require Council or Ministry approval.

Action by: M. Fearnside

David Barrick joined the meeting at 9:34 A.M.

Moved by P. O'Neill  
Seconded by K. Murray

**That the NRH Board RECEIVES this report for information and APPROVES forwarding it, with additions as directed, to Public Health and Social Services Committee and subsequently to Regional Council for information.**

CARRIED

4.4. **Appointment of New Director to NRH Board – Housing Provider Vacancy – Report 13-125-4.4.**

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

**That the NRH Board APPROVES the reposting of the housing provider Director vacancy to all housing providers**

CARRIED

5. **New Business**

There were no requests to add new business.

6. **General Manager's Report**

6.1. **Financial Statements as at August 31, 2013 – Report 13-125-6.1.**

Moved by P. O'Neill

*Seconded by B. Hannah*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVES the financial statements as at August 31, 2013.***

*CARRIED*

**6.2. Impact of Expiring Operating Agreements on Federal Housing Providers**

Item 10 on Action Items List. Legal has advised NRH that provider names could be released publically. Directors were provided with a copy of the document. All providers have been advised of their data.

**6.3. Public Health – Smoking By-Law**

The General Manager met with staff from Public Health this week. PHD 18-2013 the Smoking By-Law will be going to Council in October. NRH is noted as an exemption from this by-law.

Directors would like it noted that NRH has its own policies on this topic. NRH buildings are people's homes; as such, tenants are allowed to smoke in their units and on balconies only. Smoking is not allowed in common areas of the building or within 9 meters of main entry doors.

Staff are investigating the possibility of designating entire buildings as non-smoking. In particular, those communities where there is more than one building on the site would allow for one building to be non-smoking and still allow for a smoking choice at that location with any remaining buildings.

**6.4. Housing Services Corporation (HSC)**

HSC is looking for elected officials to serve on their Board. General Manager will send email to the Board councillors with the details.

**6.5. Bill 14 – regarding Co-operative Housing Providers**

Bill 14 has received royal assent. Co-operative providers will now be able to save thousands of dollars by taking evictions for arrears to the Tribunal, instead of court. All other evictions will continue through the courts.

**6.6. Preliminary Budget Presentation – Stakeholder Feedback**

The online budget survey was broken down into areas of service asking for taxpayers to indicate if they should be funded more, less or at existing levels. The region received 1,682 responses to the survey. Respondent demographic:

2%	18-24 years	
42%	25-44	48% - women
28%	45-64	32% - men
3%	65 & over	21% - no response to gender question
25%	No response	

The response for affordable housing was:

- 29% Fund more
- 42% Current level of service with 2% increase
- 29% Fund less

## 7. Closed Session – 10:22 A.M.

With the exception of L. Beckwith, M. Fearnside and V. Amato staff left the room.

*Moved by K. Murray*  
*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors move into closed session to receive information of a confidential nature regarding security of the property of the municipality or local board.***

CARRIED

### 7.1. Housing Provider Operational Database System – Report IC 13-125-7.1.

*Moved by D. Barrick*  
*Seconded by T. Rigby*

***That the Niagara Regional Housing Board RECEIVES report IC 13-125-7.1., Housing Provider Operational Database System for information.***

CARRIED

### 7.a. 10:28 A.M.

*Moved by P. O'Neill*  
*Seconded by G. Marshall*

***That the NRH Board of directors rise with report.***

CARRIED

## 8. Committee Reports

8.1. Executive Committee, S. Cordiner, Chair  
Minutes of the July 9, 2013 hearings were provided for information.

8.2. Tenant Advisory Group  
Minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting provided for information.

8.3. Investment Committee, H. D'Angela, Chair  
Minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting were provided for information.

*Moved by H. D'Angela*  
*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVES the committee reports.***

CARRIED

**9. For Information**

9.1. Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVES the List of Action Items from Previous Meetings.***

CARRIED

***Correspondence/Media***

There was no correspondence.

**10. Other**

There was no other business.

**11. Next Meeting**

Friday, October 25, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

NRH Board Room  
Campbell East  
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**12. Adjournment**

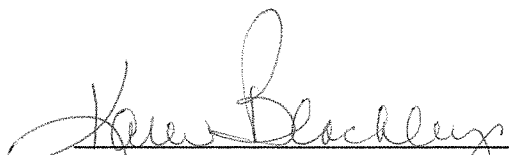
***Motion to adjourn at 10:30 A.M.***

*Moved by P. O'Neill  
Seconded by J. Osczytko*

CARRIED

Minutes Approved:

  
Chair

  
Secretary