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Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Board Announces Maryellen MacLellan as New General Manager

NIAGARA REGION, July 15, 2014 - The Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Maryellen MacLellan as General Manager, August 1, 2014. MacLellan replaces Lora Beckwith, who served as General Manager of NRH since affordable housing was transferred from the Province in 2002.

MacLellan has worked in affordable housing for more than 30 years, both at the provincial and regional levels. After eight years as NRH's Manager of Community Programs, she took on the role of NRH Manager of Housing Operations in 2010. Through these positions she has enhanced NRH's community partnerships, overseen the development of over 600 units of new affordable housing and improved asset management in NRH buildings.

NRH Chair Shirley Cordiner issued a statement from the Board welcoming MacLellan, saying, "Maryellen has been an integral part of NRH's growth since its beginning. She is well-respected in Niagara for her emphasis on external and internal relationships and customer service. Given Niagara's long waiting list for affordable housing, the Board knew NRH would benefit from Maryellen's familiarity with Niagara, her extensive knowledge of affordable housing and her ability to face the challenges ahead".

MacLellan reflected Cordiner's enthusiasm in her statement, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead NRH into the future. With the new Housing and Homelessness Action Plan and Niagara Region's One Team approach, Niagara Regional Housing has the potential to take great strides in affordable housing. I am delighted to be a part of that progress".

As NRH General Manager, MacLellan will be responsible for strategic development, operational planning and the management of staff, finances, programs and services in affordable housing in Niagara.

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