



## MEDIA RELEASE

### NRH Board of Directors Elects New Officers

NIAGARA REGION, January 26, 2016 – The Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Board of Directors elected new Officers at its Board meeting on Friday, January 22. The new Officers will serve as the Executive Committee and provide leadership for the NRH Board.

"I am looking forward to working with our new Board Chair, Paul Grenier, who is a champion of housing issues and eager to move NRH's objectives forward. I am also pleased to report that three of the former Executive Committee members were re-elected as officers, which will provide important stability for NRH leadership over the coming year," said NRH CEO Ellen Balmain.

NRH's Officers for 2016 are as follows:

- Chair - Paul Grenier (Regional Councillor, Welland). Councillor Grenier was first appointed to the NRH Board when he was elected to his first full term at Regional Council in 2014. He also operates a business consulting firm, Earth Services Products Inc.
- Vice-Chair – Patrick O'Neill (Stakeholder, Niagara-on-the-Lake). Mr. O'Neill has been on the NRH Board since 2007 and is CEO of Ina Grafton Gage Village in St. Catharines.
- Secretary – Henry D'Angela (Regional Councillor, Thorold). Councillor D'Angela was appointed to the NRH Board in 2006 when he became Regional Councillor as Mayor of Thorold. He operates his own accounting firm, D'Angela Financial Services.
- Treasurer – Karen Blackley (Stakeholder, Thorold). Ms. Blackley has been on the NRH Board since 2010, is a member of the Thorold Municipal Non-Profit Housing Board and a Real Estate Agent in Niagara.

"I am looking forward to working with the staff team, the NRH Board of Directors and Council to develop solutions to the Niagara housing shortage. I believe all people deserve the safety, and dignity of housing. Shelter is a human right," said Councillor Grenier. "NRH's vision of affordable, accessible and quality housing for all residents is a vision I proudly share and will work towards during my tenure."

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Chair Shirley Cordiner, whose hard work, dedication and stalwart leadership has helped shepherd NRH through many changes during her term," said Balmain. "Shirley will remain on the Board as a Director."

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