



## **NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING**

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### **Directors:**

Henry D'Angela, Chair  
Councillor, Thorold

Patrick O'Neill, Vice-Chair  
Stakeholder, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Karen Blackley, Secretary  
Stakeholder, Thorold

James Hyatt, Treasurer  
Stakeholder, St. Catharines

Ken Goka  
Stakeholder, Welland

Paul Grenier,  
Councillor, Welland

Kelly Kendrick  
Stakeholder, Fort Erie

John Osczytko  
Public-at-Large, St. Catharines

Vacant  
Councillor, St. Catharines

Walter Sendzik  
Councillor, St. Catharines

Selina Volpatti  
Councillor, Niagara Falls

## **Minutes**

### **NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING Board of Directors Meeting**

**#168 – 2017**

NRH Board Room  
Campbell East, 3rd Floor  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
Thorold, ON

January 19, 2018 - 9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

## **Attendees**

Directors/Members: H. D'Angela, J. Hyatt, K. Blackley,  
P. Grenier, J. Osczytko, P. O'Neill,  
K. Goka, W. Sendzik, S. Volpatti

Regrets: K. Kendrick

NRH Staff: C. Banach, W. Thompson, D. White,  
S. Upton, V. Amato

Regional Staff: A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community  
Services  
V. Duru, Program Financial Analyst

Guests: T. Rigby, Regional Councillor

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

The Chair announced that Council approved B. Baker, K. Blackley and J. Hyatt as Community Director representatives when the new Board structure comes into effect mid-February.

## 1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict

- Add NRH 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule as 9.1.
- Add Appeal Hearing meeting, January 30, 2018 as 9.2.
- Board Member acknowledgement as 9.3.

*Moved by J. Osczytko*

*Seconded by J. Hyatt*

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

CARRIED

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

### 2.1. Minutes of the December 15, 2017 Meeting

*Moved by P. O'Neill*

*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the minutes of the December 15, 2017 meeting be ADOPTED.***

CARRIED

### 2.2. Business Arising

#### 2.2.1. Carlton Street Update – 18-168-2.2.1.

*Moved by S. Volpatti*

*Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE 18-168-2.2.1., Carlton Street Update, for information.***

CARRIED

#### 2.2.2. Budget Snapshot of Carlton St. New Development – 17-168-2.2.2.

*Moved by S. Volpatti*

*Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE, 18-168-2.2.2., Budget Snapshot of Carlton St. new Development, for information.***

CARRIED

2.2.3. Election of Officers – Deferred to February meeting

3. Presentation – not scheduled

4. Staff Reports

4.1. Social Housing Internet Access – Report 18-168-4.1.

*Moved by W. Sendzik*

*Seconded by J. Osczytko*

- 1) ***That the Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Board of Directors RECEIVES this report for information; and,***
- 2) ***That the NRH Board of Directors DIRECT staff to send a letter (as per sample) to the identified internet providers from the Board Chair formally requesting they consider replicating the low-cost internet package offered to Social Housing tenants by Rogers Communications across Canada.***
- 3) ***That the report be FORWARDED to PHSS requesting Regional Chair send a letter of support as well.***

CARRIED

W. Sendzik advised that he would lend support to this initiative by sending letters to internet providers from his office as Mayor of St. Catharines.

4.2. French Language Services – Report 18-168-4.2.

*Moved by S. Volpatti*

*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE report 18-168-4.2., French Language Services, for information purposes.***

CARRIED

4.3. Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) – Report 18-168-4.3.

*Moved by K. Blackley*

*Seconded by W. Sendzik*

**1. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors RECOMMENDS to Regional Council the APPROVAL of Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) Transfer Payment Agreement;**

**(i) The Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) conditional allocation of up to \$2,489,627 in 2017-2018 and \$4,416,322 from 2018-2021.**

**2. In accordance with the Budget Control By-law No. 2017-63 that the 2018 gross capital budget adjustment for NRH of \$1,607,580 and 2018 gross operating budget adjustment of \$72,918 be APPROVED and INITIATED based on the total confirmed allocation to date.**

**3. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors DIRECTS Staff to proceed with the determination of the administrative requirements for the delivery of the programs.**

**CARRIED**

4.4. Social Infrastructure Fund - Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario Notional Funding Allocation 2018-2019 – Report 18-168-4.4.

A revised Appendix A was distributed.

*Moved by P. O'Neill*

*Seconded by K. Blackley*

**1. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors RECOMMENDS to Regional Council the APPROVAL of the Program and Delivery Fiscal Plan (PDFP) for Year 3 under the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF).**

**2. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors DIRECTS staff to proceed with the determination of the administrative requirements for the delivery of the programs.**

**CARRIED**

**5. New Business – no new business**

6. Chief Executive Officers Report

6.1. Financial Statements as at November 30, 2017 – Item 18-168-6.1.

*Moved by P. Grenier  
Seconded by J. Hyatt*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE the Financial Statements as at November 30, 2017.***

CARRIED

7. Committee/Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

7.1. Tenant Advisory Group (TAG) – Item 18-168-7.1.

*Moved by J. Osczytko  
Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE the minutes of the August 23, 2017 Tenant Advisory Group for information.***

CARRIED

8. For Information

8.1. Frequently Asked Questions about Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) for Elected Reps – item 18-168-8.1.

*Moved by W. Sendzik  
Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE 18-168-8.1., Frequently Asked Questions about Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) for Elected Reps, for information.***

CARRIED

9. Other Business

9.1. NRH 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

One of the Directors has scheduling conflicts with the next two NRH Board meeting dates. There was a brief discussion on the matter.

*Moved by W. Sendzik  
Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE rescheduling the February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings to February 9 and March 9, 2018 respectively.***

***CARRIED***

9.2. Appeal Hearing meetings

NRH requires Directors to serve on the Appeals Committee for 2018. A list was passed around for Directors to indicate their availability on specified dates over the next few months.

9.3. Board Member acknowledgement

The Chair presented Directors K. Goka, P. O'Neill, J. Osczypko, who will be retiring from the Board mid-February, with commemorative plaques thanking them for their dedicated service to NRH. K. Kendrick also retiring as of mid-February and was thanked in absentia.

10. Closed Session – not required

11. Next Meeting(s)

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

**General Members Meeting** (directly after Regular meeting)

- Election of Community Directors

Regular Meeting  
NRH Board Room  
Campbell East, 3rd floor  
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12. **Adjournment**

***Motion to ADJOURN at 9:50 A.M.***

*Moved by K. Blackley  
Seconded by S. Volpatti*

Minutes Approved:

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Chair

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Secretary