



Media Release

Special Board Recognition Event for Housing Providers

NIAGARA REGION, May 20, 2010 – A board recognition event was held on Wednesday, May 12th, 2010, at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines recognizing the efforts of volunteer board members in both the non-profit and co-operative housing sectors. This event hosted by Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) recognized the special achievements of 22 volunteer members in areas such as governance, finance, energy, community development and new development in the affordable housing community.

Deborah Firmin, Housing Administrator, Niagara Regional Housing, thanked the board members for their contributions saying that it is their “hard work that ensures affordable housing is available to people who call Niagara home”.

Lora Beckwith, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing, told the group of approximately 65 that “48% of all renters in Niagara pay more than 30% of their household income on rent. 480 new affordable housing units are needed every year in Niagara just to meet the growing demand. Beckwith also stated, “There are over 4,800 people on the affordable housing waiting list in Niagara and this does not capture the full need.”

Earlier in the day, a housing provider forum was held to provide non-profit and co-operative housing providers with information about energy initiatives and capital planning specific to their buildings. Harri Makivirta of Virta Energy was a guest speaker.

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