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Re: APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC HOUSING TENANT DIRECTOR TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) is looking for a bright, motivated Public Housing tenant to join our board of directors. If you demonstrate the qualifications listed below and are interested in joining our Board, please complete the enclosed Application Form and a resume highlighting your commitment to the NRH mission, vision and values *“to expand opportunities that make affordable housing an integral part of building healthy and sustainable communities in Niagara”*.

As the tenant representative on the Board, you must be a tenant in good standing, including:

- You must have been a Public Housing tenant for more than 12 months
- You must have had a tenancy free of social issues
- You must be arrears-free for 12 months
- You must be personable in order to promote positive working relationships between tenants and NRH

It would also be of benefit to have:

- Good advocacy skills
- Knowledge of, or experience in, affordable housing management, community-based programs, the non-profit voluntary sector and affordable housing development
- Previous board experience
- Marketing, Communications or Business experience

As our tenants and housing providers represent a multi-cultural group, including French speaking communities, if you have had work with various ethnic groups it would also be considered an asset.

Membership also comes with expectations. Our board directors agree to attend at least 80 percent of our meetings. Active participation when present is required to ensure a healthy discussion of the issues. As we're a busy agency, contribution to other Board committees is a necessity to move ahead with our business goals. These committees include Governance, Investment, Tenant/Applicant Appeals, Contract Tender Awards, the Tenant Advisory Group and (Housing) Providers Group. Finally, being a visionary when it comes to the future of affordable housing in Niagara region is a requirement.

Our current board reflects the diverse partners and stakeholders we work with: tenants, regional councillors, housing providers, community agencies, and the general public. To learn more about us, please take a moment to visit our web site at www.nrh.ca.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Paul Grenier
Chair