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Minutes

NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING Board of Directors Meeting

#133 – 2014

NRH Boardroom
Campbell East, 3rd Floor
2201 St. David's Road
Thorold, ON

July 11, 2014 – 9:15 A.M.

Attendees

Directors/

Members: S. Cordiner, P. O'Neill, G. Marshall, T. Rigby,
K. Kendrick, J. Hyatt, K. Goka, J. Osczytko,
L. Allen, R. Katzman, D. Barrick at 9:55 A.M.,
H. D'Angela till 10:33 A.M., K. Blackley till 10:41 A.M.

Regrets: B. Carroll

NRH Staff: L. Beckwith, M. MacLellan, M. Fearnside, W. Thompson,
V. Amato

Regional Staff: D. Woiceshyn, Manager Shared Financial Services
S. Chisholm, Legal Counsel, for item 2.3.3.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict

*Moved by J. Osczytko
Seconded by J. Hyatt*

That the agenda be ADOPTED.

CARRIED

No conflicts of interest were declared at this time.

Directors:

Shirley Cordiner, Chair
Public-at-Large, Fort Erie

Henry D'Angela, Vice-Chair
Councillor, Thorold

Karen Blackley, Secretary
Stakeholder, Thorold

Patrick O'Neill, Treasurer
Stakeholder,
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Linda Allen
Tenant, St. Catharines

David Barrick,
Councillor, Port Colborne

Barbara Carroll
Public-at-large,
St. Catharines

Ken Goka
Stakeholder, Welland

James Hyatt
Stakeholder, St. Catharines

Ronna Katzman
Councillor, St. Catharines

Kelly Kendrick
Fort Erie, Stakeholder

George Marshall
Councillor, Welland

John Osczytko
Public-at-Large, Welland

Tim Rigby,
Councillor St. Catharines

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the May 30, 2014 Meeting

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by P. O'Neill

That the minutes of the May 30, 2014 meeting be ADOPTED.

CARRIED

2.2. Minutes of the June 23, 2014 Meeting

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by H. D'Angela

That the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting be ADOPTED.

CARRIED

The Chair reported that in accordance with directives given at the last meeting, the Chair, Vice-Chair and General Manager met with the Regional Chair and CAO last Wednesday, regarding the Shared Services Agreement.

2.3. Business Arising - Closed Session 9:12 A.M.

Moved by P. O'Neill

Seconded by G. Marshall

That item 2.3.3., Broadoak be the first item considered in closed session.

CARRIED

K Kendrick declared a conflict and left the room.

The only staff present were S. Chisholm, Legal Council, Niagara Region, L. Beckwith, M. Fearnside and V. Amato.

2.3. A.

Moved by T. Rigby

Seconded by K. Goka

That the NRH Board of Directors MOVE INTO closed session to consider information of a confidential nature regarding labour relations or employee negotiations - 2014 Job Rate for General Manager Position; Approval of New General Manager; and, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board concerning an update on Broadoak.

CARRIED

9:55 A.M. - D Barrick joined the meeting

10:15 A.M - K. Kendrick returned to the meeting and all staff left the room

10:33 A.M. – H. D'Angela left the meeting; the General Manager and Executive Assistant returned to the meeting.

2.3.B. 10:41 A.M.
Moved by T. Rigby
Seconded by R. Katzman

That the NRH Board of Directors RISE with report.

CARRIED

With the exception of S. Chisholm all staff returned to the meeting.

2.3.1. 2014 General Manager Job Rate – IC 14-133-2.3.1.

Moved by P. O'Neill
Seconded by D. Barrick

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES option 1A as presented in report IC 14-133-2.3.1. for the General Manager job rate.

CARRIED

2.3.2. Approval of New General Manager

Moved by T. Rigby
Seconded by K. Goka

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES the candidate recommended by the Recruitment Committee as the new General Manager.

CARRIED

2.3.3. Broadoak Update – Report IC 14-133-2.3.3.

Staff to follow direction given in closed session.

3. **Presentation** – not scheduled

In order to insure quorum, in the event any other directors need to leave early, all agreed that item 5.1. Election of Officers would be considered at this time.

5.1.Election of Officers

Moved by T. Rigby
Seconded by G. Marshall

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors:
1. FORGO the usual election process; and,
2. RE-ELECT the incumbent officers for another year.

CARRIED

4. Staff Reports

4.1. Local Priority Groups – Report 14-133-4.1.

A discussion ensued regarding Mobility Barrier vs. the old Health and Safety category; only 3% of applications under Health and Safety may have a legitimate claim to this category.

*Moved by T. Rigby
Seconded by P. O'Neill*

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors DEFERS this report to the September meeting subject to discussion on the Mobility category.

CARRIED

4.2. NRH Online Application System for Affordable Housing - Report 14-133-4.2.

*Moved by D. Barrick
Seconded by R. Katzman*

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors RECEIVES report 14-133-4.2., NRH Online Application System for Affordable Housing for information.

CARRIED

4.3. Enterprise Risk Management Policy - Report 14-133-4.3.

*Moved by P. O'Neill
Seconded by K. Goka*

- 1. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES Policy # E18 - Enterprise Risk Management Policy; and,***
- 2. That staff REPORT on a yearly basis a failure to any of the items in Appendix B, Risk Register, how it is mitigated and any new identified risks.***

CARRIED

4.4. Modified Unit Eligibility & Selection Policy – Report 14-133-4.4.

*Moved by T. Rigby
Seconded by J. Hyatt*

That Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES NRH policy C-14 Modified Unit Eligibility and Selection.

CARRIED

Staff was directed to communicate by phone or email with the Councillor who wanted information about how people accessed modified units.

Action by: L. Beckwith

5. New Business

- 5.1. Election of Officers – see above

6. General Manager's Report

- 6.1 Financial Statements as at May 31, 2014

Moved by P. O'Neill

Seconded by K. Kendrick

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES the Financial Statements as at May 31, 2014.

CARRIED

- 6.2. Funding Announcement

The General Manager advised that an announcement from the new Minister is expected in the near future regarding funding allocations for the Federal-Provincial Investment in Affordable Housing Program.

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1. Tenant Advisory Group
Minutes of the April 10, 2014 quarterly meeting were provided for information.

Moved by R. Katzman

Seconded by T. Rigby

That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVES the advisory group report noted above.

CARRIED

8. For Information

- 8.1. Action Items from Previous Meetings

Correspondence/Media

- 8.2. May 29, 2014 letter to Chair Cordiner from Office of Wayne Gates MPP, Niagara Falls, with letter of support to Minister of Energy for NRH Energy Retrofit Program Application – Broadoak, attached.

9. Other Business

9.1. Atrium Farewell to General Manager

The Chair advised that this was L. Beckwith's last Board meeting; Lora is not retiring but moving on to other things. The Chair has always recognized L. Beckwith's knowledge and experience and greatly appreciated her forthrightness regarding difficult issues. An open house will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the Atrium on Tuesday, July 29th. Staff will send a meeting request.

Action by: V. Amato

9.2. Port Colborne Presentation

Councillor Barrick requested staff to attend Port Colborne's next Council meeting on Monday, July 28th at 6:30 P.M. to provide information on Social Housing in Port Colborne.

Action by: M. MacLellan or L. Beckwith

10. Next Meeting

Friday, August 22, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.
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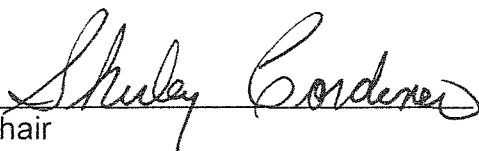
11. Adjournment

Motion to ADJOURN at 11:50 A.M.

Moved by B. Carroll
Seconded by J. Hyatt

CARRIED

Minutes Approved:


Chair


Secretary