



## NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING

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### Minutes

#### Directors:

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Councillor, Thorold

Karen Blackley, Treasurer  
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Linda Allen  
Tenant, St. Catharines

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Public-at-Large,

Shirley Cordiner  
Public-at-Large, Welland

Ken Goka  
Stakeholder, Welland

James Hyatt  
Stakeholder, St. Catharines

Kelly Kendrick  
Stakeholder, Fort Erie

John Osczytko  
Public-at-Large, St. Catharines

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Councillor, St. Catharines

Walter Sendzik  
Councillor St. Catharines

Selina Volpatti  
Councillor, Niagara Falls

## NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING Board of Directors Meeting

### #SPEC 4 – 2016

NRH Boardroom  
Campbell East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
Thorold, ON

July 22, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

### Attendees

Directors/  
Members: P. Grenier, P. O'Neill, H. D'Angela, K. Blackley,  
J. Hyatt, J. Osczytko, K. Goka, L. Allen,  
K. Kendrick, S. Cordiner, S. Volpatti

Regrets: W. Sendzik, A. Petrowski

NRH Staff: D. Woiceshyn, D. White, V. Amato, K. Ankunda

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A quorum being achieved, the meeting was called to order at 9:06A.M.

#### 1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict

*Moved by H. D'Angela  
Seconded by K. Kendrick*

***That Items 5.1. and 5.2. re: hiring of interim and permanent  
CEO be moved to open session.***

**CARRIED**

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

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

**CARRIED**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. NRH Market Rents for 2016 – Report SPEC 4-2016-2

*Moved by K. Blackley*

*Seconded by P. O'Neill*

***That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES the proposed 2016 Market Rents for the owned units, effective December 1, 2016 as highlighted in Appendix "A" of report SPEC 4-2016-2.***

CARRIED

3. NRH Memo 10-2016 – Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Housing Benefit (SDV-PHB) Pilot - SPEC 4-2016-4

*Moved by H. D'Angela*

*Seconded by J. Osczytko*

***That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors RECEIVES NRH Memo 10-2016 Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Housing Benefit (SDV-PHB) Pilot for information.***

CARRIED

4. New Affordable Housing Development – 527 Carlton Street-Professional Design Services Agreement - Report SPEC 4-2016-4

*Moved by K. Kendrick*

*Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors RECEIVES report SPEC 4-2016-4 New Affordable Housing Development - 527 Carlton Street – Professional Design Services Agreement, for information.***

CARRIED

5. Hiring of Permanent and Interim CEO

It was agreed that 5.2. Permanent CEO would be considered before 5.1. Interim CEO.

5.2. Permanent CEO

Options considered:

- Use existing/last head-hunter firm, NRH received excellent service and have extensive Social Housing experience.
- RFP/RFQ – could add 2 or 3 weeks to the process or use all names from 2014 RFP and request updated pricing

- NRH performs search

*Moved by S. Volpatti*

*Seconded by H. D'Angela*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE using the RFP/RFQ process for the permanent CEO search.***

A recorded vote was requested, the Directors voted as follows:

Voting **FOR** the motion (7): L. Allen, H. D'Angela, K. Goka, J. Hyatt, K. Kendrick, P. O'Neill, S. Volpatti

Voting **AGAINST** the motion (3): K. Blackley, S. Cordiner, J. Osczytko

The Chair did not vote; he declared the motion

**CARRIED**

5.2.a

*Moved by S. Cordiner*

*Seconded by K. Kendrick*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE a special meeting of the Board when all responses to the RFP/RFQ have been received; and, That following the above, a process timeline BE PROVIDED to Directors.***

**CARRIED**

5.1. Interim CEO

Options considered:

- Internal - NRH existing staff
- Internal – Regional staff
- External

Closed Session – 9:47 A.M.

*Moved by H. D'Angela*

*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors MOVE INTO Closed Session to receive Information of a confidential nature relating personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employee(s) and labour relations or employee negotiations- Interim and Permanent CEO.***

**CARRIED**

All staff left the meeting.

5.1.a. 10:55 A.M.  
*Moved by J. Hyatt*  
*Seconded by P. O'Neill*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RISE with report.***

CARRIED

D. Woiceshyn and V. Amato returned to the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

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

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPOINT D. Woiceshyn as Interim CEO, commencing August 15, 2016, until such time as a permanent CEO has been selected.***

A recorded vote was requested, the Directors voted as follows:

Voting **FOR** the motion (9): L. Allen, K. Blackley, S. Cordiner, H. D'Angela, K. Goka, J. Hyatt, K. Kendrick, P. O'Neill, J. Osczytko

Voting **AGAINST** the motion (1): S. Volpatti

The Chair did not vote; he declared the motion

CARRIED

5.1.c  
*Moved by H. D'Angela*  
*Seconded by K. Kendrick*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE adding New Hire Contract to the agenda.***

CARRIED

5.3. New Hire Contract

Closed Session – 10:57 A.M.

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

***That the NRH Board of Directors MOVE INTO Closed Session to receive Information of a confidential nature relating personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employee(s) and labour relations or employee negotiations – Project Manager Housing Development.***

CARRIED

5.3.a.

*Moved by S. Volpatti*

*Seconded by S. Cordiner*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RISE with report.***

CARRIED

5.3.b. – 11:05 A.M.

*Moved by H. D'Angela*

*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE staff moving forward with hiring of Project Manager Housing Development as directed in closed session.***

CARRIED

6. Confidence

*Moved by J. Hyatt*

*Seconded by P. O'Neill*

***That the position of Board Chairman, Niagara Regional Housing, be vacated as provided for in By-law #1, section 8.03.***

Discussion ensued regarding appropriateness of the Chair's actions.

6.a.

*Moved by S. Volpatti*

*Seconded by K. Blackley*

***That the NRH Board of Directors DEFER this item to the August 26, 2016 meeting for response from the Chair.***

CARRIED

6.b

*Moved by K. Blackley*

*Seconded by S. Volpatti*

***That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE the suspension of Executive Committee meetings until after the Aug 26, 2016 Board meeting.***

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting

Special Meeting – To be determined

and

Friday, August 26, 2016 NRH Board Room  
Campbell East, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Minutes Approved:

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Chair

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Secretary