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**NIAGARA REGIONAL HOUSING
 Board of Directors Meeting**

#156 – 2016

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

October 21, 2016 - 9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Attendees

- Directors/
Members: P. Grenier, P. O'Neill, H. D'Angela, J. Hyatt,
K. Kendrick, J. Osczytko, K. Blackley, K. Goka, S.
Volpatti, A. Petrowski, W. Sendzik until 11:00 a.m.
- Regrets:
- NRH Staff: D. Woiceshyn, D. White, W. Thompson, S. Upton
K. Ankunda, P. Silta (recorder)
- Regional Staff: A. Jugley, A. Commissioner, Community Services
B. Brens, Manager Program Financial Support,
Corporate Services

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M.

1. Adoption of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict

*Moved by J. Osczytko
 Seconded by S. Volpatti*

That the agenda be ADOPTED as amended.

CARRIED

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Meeting

2.2. Minutes of the September 16, 2016 Meeting

*Moved by P. O'Neill
Seconded by J. Hyatt*

That the minutes of the September 8 and September 16, 2016 meetings be ADOPTED.

CARRIED

2.3. Business Arising

2.3.1. 2017 Operating Budget Revised – Report 16-156-2.3.1.

The Board requested that items beyond the control of NRH are highlighted.

Beth to make adjustments for a revised budget which will be presented at the next board meeting.

Action by: B. Brens

*Moved by H. D'Angela
Seconded by S. Volpatti*

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVE the Proposed 2017 Operating Budget, with a net levy impact of \$26,979,500 before indirect allocations.

Noting that the 1% guidance was achieved by reducing the transfer from the operating budget to the capital reserves by \$577,982.

CARRIED

3. 2017 Budget Presentation – 16-156-3.

The presentation will be revised with the following edits:

- The "2017 Operating Budget" slide 7 – group by legislated/regulated and non-legislated/regulated indicating percentage increase
- Add slide to show how we met guidance
- Do not use red – hard to read
- Update reserve forecast slides based on Q3 – the \$1.367M proceeds from sales may not be fully realized in 2016

Board to be forwarded a copy of Regional Report CSD 36-2012 - Niagara Regional Housing Property Tax Exemption Analysis. This will have no impact on the budget. Staff to add to the November agenda for discussion.

Action by D. Woiceshyn

4. Staff Reports

4.1. Multi-Year Operating Budget – Report 16-156-4.1.

*Moved by K. Kendrick
Seconded by K. Goka*

That the proposed multi-year operating budget projections for 2018 and 2019 BE RECEIVED for information.

CARRIED

4.2. Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Rent Benefit Pilot – Report 16-156-4.2.

The board thanked and congratulated staff for all the work involved in participating in this program.

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

- 1. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors RECEIVES this report on the Program and Delivery Fiscal Plan under the Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Rent Benefit Pilot program; and,***
- 2. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors APPROVES the Program and Delivery Fiscal Plan under the Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Rent Benefit Pilot program; and,***
- 3. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors FORWARDS the Administration Agreement to Niagara Region for execution in accordance with its role as Service System Manager.***

CARRIED

4.3. Smoking and 2nd hand smoke in NRH Units – Report 16-156-4.3.

This report provided information regarding the process used to determine the level of tenant satisfaction with NRH's current smoking policy and the interest in increasing smoke-free buildings in Niagara.

The question was asked whether the new Carlton Street Development will be a non-smoking facility. It was noted that such a restriction would be discriminatory. No decision has been made at this time.

4.4. New Housing Allowance Program & Funding Requests (deferred)

4.5. National Housing Day Plans (Memo 13-2016) – 16-156-4.5.

A memo was provided to the board advising that NRH is in discussions with Community Services and CMHC about the possibility of hosting a National Housing Day information session featuring CMHC's Innovation Fund. With or without an event, National Housing Day will be observed with a Media Release. Staff will continue discussions and inform the Board when details are available.

5. **New Business**

5.1. There was no new business.

6. **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

6.1. Operating Statements as at August 31, 2016 – Report 16-156-6.1.

Moved by J. Hyatt

Seconded by J. Osczytko

That the NRH Board of Directors APPROVE the Operating Statements as at August 30, 2016.

CARRIED

7. Closed Session - 10:50 a.m.

Moved by W. Sendzik

Seconded by K. Goka

That the NRH Board of Directors MOVE INTO Closed Session to receive information of a confidential nature relating to security of the property of the municipality or local board – Insurance Renewal, Carlton St. Development and the CEO Recruitment update.

CARRIED

7.1. NRH Insurance Renewal – November 1, 2016 to November 1, 2017
– Report IC 16-156-7.1.

7.2. 527 Carlton Street Project – New Development Update
– IC Report -16-156-7.2.

*Moved by K. Kendrick
Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RISE with report; and,
That staff be DIRECTED to execute instructions provided in closed session.***

CARRIED

8. Committee/Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

8.1. Tenant Advisory Group (TAG)

Minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting were provided for information.

*Moved by K. Kendrick
Seconded by K. Goka*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE the Tenant Advisory Group
Minutes of June 22, 2016 meeting for information.***

CARRIED

9. For Information

9.1. Action Items from Previous Meetings – Not provided

Correspondence/Media

9.2. Letter from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk to Donna Woiceshyn, Interim CEO, re: NRH Board Structure

9.3. Frequently Asked Questions about NRH

*Moved by W. Sendzik
Seconded by J. Osczypko*

***That the NRH Board of Directors RECEIVE Correspondence items 9.2. and 9.3. for
information.***

CARRIED

10. Other Business

It was requested that Carlton Street Smoke Free Policy be brought forward to the Development Committee.

Action by: D. White

11. Next Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.
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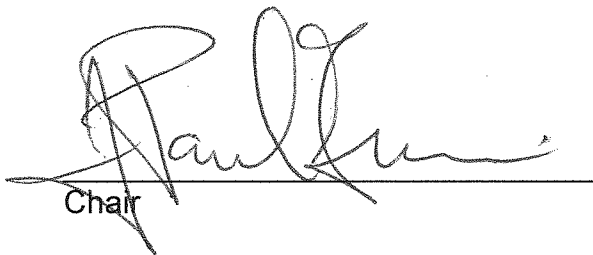
12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 A.M.

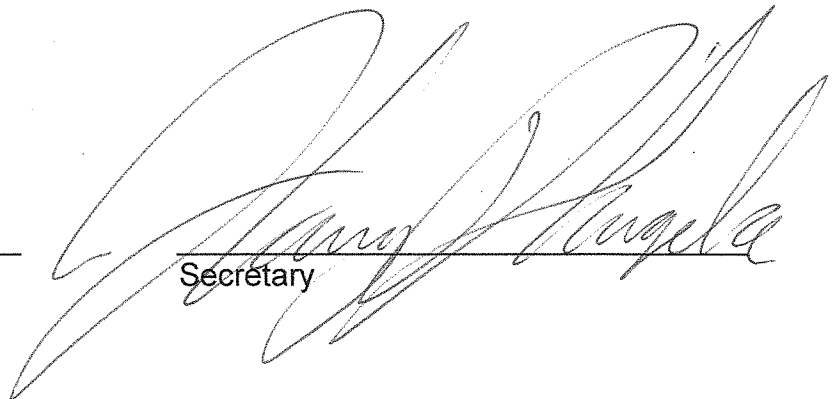
*Moved by K. Kendrick
Seconded by K. Goka*

CARRIED

Minutes Approved:



Chair



Secretary