



The Neighbourhood Group
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 27th, 2018 6:00p.m. CNH

Present:

Directors: Mary Christie, Chair
Marguerite Rea, Vice-Chair
Philip Fernandez, Vice-Chair
Samira Viswanathan, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Rae, Secretary
Craig Knowles
Lloyd Ileky

Elizabeth Forestell (Ex-Officio)

Regrets:

Directors: Maureen Armstrong
Tim Hughes
Bob Gore, Treasurer
Sapna Thakker

Guests:

Rosemary Shipton, Chair - NL Homes Board
Marilyn Vasilevich, Director - NL Homes Board
John Wilkinson - Weir Foulds LLP

Staff: Leighton Taylor, VP & CFO
Chris Archambault, Executive Assistant/Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mary Christie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Everyone offered a brief introduction and welcomed our guests.

The Agenda was approved.

There were no conflicts to declare.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 25th 2018

The minutes were reviewed.

3. Neighbourhood Link Homes Merger

John Wilkinson presented a review of information and due diligence in regards to the merge of Neighbourhood Link Homes and The Neighbourhood Group, and noted action items.

He began by calling attention to the three Resolutions included in the Board packages, and offered a brief explanation of their purpose.

The Draft Special Resolution will result in an amendment to the general bylaw, to update information regarding the number of Directors, quorum, etc. The amendment is necessary in order to allow a subsequent resolution to be passed.

The Draft Resolution of the Board of Directors authorizes signing of the asset transfer agreement in due course. Members and Directors will need to sign.

The Draft Resolution of the TNG Board of Directors for the purpose of acquiring the assets. Board approval is adequate for this Resolution.

John then discussed elements of **the Asset Transfer Agreement**, including four areas of focus initially.

1. The City – John has been in touch with City lawyers, and he has also been referred to The Housing Services Act.
2. Approval from the Ministry of Housing.
3. To seek approval for exemption from the Land Transfer Tax.
4. To get approval from mortgagees of the properties.

John highlighted various other points and standard provisions of the agreement.

Liz will send the Resolution to other members of Homes Board for signatures. Marilyn and Rosemary signed the Resolution at the meeting.

MOTION 11.27 – 01: Resolution to transfer assets and liabilities in Schedule A and B from Neighbourhood Link Homes to The Neighbourhood Group.

Moved: Marguerite Rea

Seconded: Lloyd Ilekys

CARRIED

5. Financial Overview

Leighton provided a review of the financials, noting that we are trending similarly to the beginning of the year.

Leighton and Bob have met with CIBC regarding TNG and TNG Foundation accounts, which should show some positive investment results.

MOTION 11.27 – 02: to approve the Financial Reports.

Moved: Philip Fernandez

Seconded: Samira Viswanathan

CARRIED

6. Executive Director Report

We were approached and have agreed to a one-year trial period of running the Food Bank out of 40 Teesdale Place, adding to our vital Food Security Program. We will also be partnering with Access Alliance and Warden Woods in this endeavour.

Our Youth Outreach Worker program is now in place in Regent Park.

The Boston Consulting Group has once again agreed to fund and host an amazing Holiday party for our clients.

A corporate donor, who wants to remain anonymous, has generously offered to help us fill 1,200 gift bags that will be delivered to clients. If any Board members are interested in helping with deliveries, please let Chris know and she will put you in touch.

Liz and Philip have been working with Alterna to devise a secure way for TNG to be able to offer no fee cheque cashing services, so that people can avoid the prohibitive fees charged by cheque cashing businesses. We are considering a 6 month trial period. Lloyd has offered his assistance with this venture.

We will be installing a no fee ATM at our building on Coatsworth.

No Bull Burgers has once again stepped forward in support of TNG. Tony, owner of No Bull, has also provided the Board dinner at no charge!

Bargaining continues.

MOTION 11.27 – 03: to go in camera 7:40 p.m.

Moved: Jennifer Rae

Seconded: Samira Viswanathan

CARRIED

MOTION 11.27 – 04: to come out of camera at 8:00 p.m.

Moved: Jennifer Rae

Seconded: Samira Viswanathan

CARRIED

7. Committee Report: Friends of TNG

Our third Syrian family have now been here for about two months. We had a great welcoming dinner for them at CNH. More recently Jennifer, Pam, and Philip enjoyed an outing with the family at Ripley's Aquarium, followed by dinner at the Paramount on Yonge Street. The family of two parents and six children, are settling in and are well supported by Jafar Alawi, our settlement worker, Friends of TNG, Veronica, Safia, our two other Syrian families, and many others whose contribution has had a huge impact.

8. Other business

Craig attended a recent event where Bill Morneau spoke very broadly about initiatives. Craig tried to emphasize that there is a need to understand the actual lived experience, and to take action to help Agencies like ours who are trying to address the realities of mental health, addiction, and the housing crisis. We need assurance that the Federal Government is focused on strategies and initiatives that will make a difference.

9. Adjournment

MOTION 11.27 – 05: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Philip Fernandez

Seconded: Jennifer Rae

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Our next TNG Board meeting will be held January 29th 2019

DECLARATION

These Minutes are a fair and accurate representation of the discussions held and decisions made by the Board of The Neighbourhood Group at its meeting held on November 27th, 2018.

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| Signature: | |