



**The Neighbourhood Group  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:00 p.m. at NLSS**

**Present:**

Directors: Mary Christie, Chair  
Marguerite Rea, Vice-Chair  
Philip Fernandez, Vice-Chair  
Bob Gore, Treasurer  
Jennifer Rae, Secretary  
Maureen Armstrong

Elizabeth Forestell (Ex-Officio)

Staff: Leighton Taylor, VP & CFO  
Laina Gibson, Vice President, Philanthropy and Communications  
Chris Archambault, Executive Assistant / Minutes

**Regrets:**

Directors: Samira Viswanathan  
Tim Hughes  
Sapna Thakker  
Craig Knowles  
Thierry Kagubari  
Lloyd Ileky

**1. Welcome**

Chair Mary Christie wished everyone a Happy New Year, and called the meeting to order. There were no conflicts to declare.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held November 27, 2018 were reviewed.

**MOTION 02.05 – 01:** To approve Minutes of the TNG Board meeting of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez

**Seconded:** Marguerite Rea

**CARRIED**

**3. Update on I Heart Neighbourhood**

Laina distributed the I Heart Neighbourhood packages to everyone. Laina will also send soft copies. The packages contain I Heart Neighbourhood event tickets, and Heart of Gold tickets for Board members to sell. Heart of Gold tickets allow access to the I Heart Neighbourhood event, as well as to the pre-reception 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please ask Laina if you need more information, or more tickets.

Laina continues to work on Sponsorship sales for the event, and on sourcing exciting items and experiences for the auction. All suggestions are very welcome.

#### 4. Financial Overview

Leighton provided a brief overview of the financial statements, noting that our costs remain fairly stable over last year.

Bob, Leighton, and Liz will be meeting with the LHIN to discuss funding projections for next year.

**MOTION 02.05 – 02:** to accept the Financial Report

**Moved:** Bob Gore

**Seconded:** Maureen Armstrong

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Executive Director Report

Liz read the Declaration of Compliance with Anti-harassment/Discrimination Legislation and City Policy.

**MOTION 02.05 – 03:** to uphold our obligations in regards to anti-harassment and discrimination

**Moved:** Bob Gore

**Seconded:** Philip Fernandez

**CARRIED**

Liz shared that our new venture with the Teasdale Food Bank has been going well. It is now up and running, and this past week 147 people made use of the food bank.

Philip Unrau and Liz continue to work on developing the cheque cashing service. The next step will likely be a pilot of the project.

Rebekah Churchyard has put together a proposal for N2N 3.0.

The Year-end Appeal fell just short of the \$27,000 goal.

Update – Thanks to a few additional donations, we have reached the goal! Thank you.

Our Management Retreat will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The merge with NL Homes is still in progress. The goal is to have it complete by the end of March.

Bargaining is now going into its 16<sup>th</sup> month.

**MOTION 02.05 – 05:** to go in camera 7:19 p.m.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez

**Seconded:** Jennifer Rae

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 02.25 – 06:** to come out of camera 7:38 p.m.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez

**Seconded:** Jennifer Rae

**CARRIED**

Betty Ferreira will be joining us at the Board Retreat.

Suggestions regarding agenda items for the Retreat should be sent to Liz.

**6. Committee Reports: Friends of TNG**

Jennifer shared news about the three Syrian families who all seem to be doing very well. TNG has done an amazing job of supporting all three families, and the families have also been thriving thanks to their determination to help each other.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION 02.05 – 07:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez

**CARRIED**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

**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 January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Approved by the Board:

March 23, 2019 – Motion 03.23

Verified by:

Jennifer Rae – Board Secretary

Signature:



