



**The Neighbourhood Group  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 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  
Samira Viswanathan  
Sapna Thakker  
Craig Knowles  
Lloyd Ilekys  
Thierry Kagubari  
Elizabeth Forestell (Ex-Officio)

**Regrets:**

Directors: Maureen Armstrong  
Tim Hughes

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

Laina joined us before the meeting and shared the **I Heart Neighbourhoods** sponsorship piece with Board members. We talked about last year's experience, and new ideas for the next event. The cost of tickets will be \$100/early bird and then \$125/ticket. In addition to sponsorship ideas, Laina is open to all suggestions regarding a host for the event. Please send all ideas for hosts, sponsors, auction items, to Laina.

**1. Welcome**

Chair Mary Christie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. Declaration of Conflict**

There were no conflicts to declare.

**3. Election of Officers**

Chair: Mary Christie  
Vice Chair: Philip Fernandez  
Vice Chair: Marguerite Rea  
Vice Chair: Samira Viswanathan  
Treasurer: Bob Gore  
Secretary: Jennifer Rae

**MOTION 09.25 – 01:** to elect Officers as listed.

**Moved:** Sapna Thakker  
**Seconded:** Lloyd Ilekys **CARRIED**

There was further discussion around the importance of planning for Board succession.

#### **4. Financial Overview**

Bob and Leighton delivered an overview of the financial statements.

**MOTION 09.27 – 02:** to accept Financial Reports.

**Moved:** Bob Gore  
**Seconded:** Marguerite Rea **CARRIED**

#### **5. Executive Director Report**

Liz noted that TNG Child and Youth programs have enjoyed a great summer, with youth from NLSS and CNH having come together on several occasions.

We have a Youth Outreach Worker program at NLSS, and are very happy to have received money that will enable us to expand this valuable work. We will be hiring Youth Outreach Workers to work in the Regent Park area.

Kathleen has been focussing on growing the Employment Services program.

The Friends of the Neighbourhood group are thrilled that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Syrian family has arrived!

Housing with Layered Supports is up and running.

The Neighbour 2 Neighbour (N2N 2.0) program is doing really well.  
We are pleased to be able to offer an enhanced Friendly Visiting program.

Volunteer programs at NLSS and CNH are working together.

Liz and Philip Unrau have been working together to explore possible ways of offering an alternative to places like Money Mart.

We raised over \$50,000 at the Toronto Challenge!

We have been considering options that will help us with branding.  
Craig suggested a partnership with a marketing/advertising agency.

The City will be sending us a report and proposal for consideration about the future of Jean Dudley House.

We are still in Bargaining.

Liz circulated a proposal regarding shelter housing for 80 women, which would also include a day programming hub. Everyone reviewed the proposal.

**MOTION 09.27 – 03:** to approve submission of the proposal.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez  
**Seconded:** Thierry Kagubari **CARRIED**

## 6. Committee/Other Reports

Jennifer shared that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Syrian family have arrived. Jafar and Veronica, along with a crew of several others, went to pick them up at the airport Thursday evening. We have found a townhouse for the family.

**MOTION 09.25 – 04:** to go in camera 7:40p.m.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez  
**Seconded:** Bob Gore **CARRIED**

**MOTION 09.25 – 05:** to come out of camera 8:28p.m.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez  
**Seconded:** Jennifer Rae **CARRIED**

## 7. Adjournment

**MOTION 09.25 – 06:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Moved:** Philip Fernandez  
**Second:** Sapna Thakker

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.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 September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Approved by the Board:	November 27, 2018 – Motion 11.27
Verified by:	Jennifer Rae – Board Secretary
Signature:	

