Public Minutes

Wednesday, October 31, 2007



Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

Board of Directors

Regrets:

931 Yonge Street Toronto M4W 2H2

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The Board of Directors of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 in the Ground Floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, at 9:30 am.

Directors Dr. Mitchell E. Kosny, Chair

present: Mr. John Brewin

Councillor Paula Fletcher Councillor Suzan Hall

Mr. Cliff Martin Mr. David Mitchell Ms. Penny Milton

Councillor Anthony Perruzza

Mr. Ronald Struys
Ms. Joan Simalchik

Mr. Nick Volk

Also Mr. Derek Ballantyne, Chief Executive Officer

present: Ms. Eileen Carroll, Vice President, Corporate Planning & Performance

Mr. Gordon Chu, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Mr. John Fox, General Counsel Development

Ms. Kristin Jenkins, Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications

Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Cynthia Ross, Director, Government Relations

Ms. Lizette Zuniga, Director Development and Real Estate

The Chair, Dr. Mitchell Kosny called the meeting to order, and Elora Nichols served as recording secretary.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair requested members of the Board of Directors to indicate any *In Camera* Agenda Item in which they had a conflict of interest, together with the nature of the interest. None were declared.

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MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

Motion carried

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Nick Volk, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

the Board of Directors adopted the above-captioned minutes without amendment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Nick Volk, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

The Agenda was modified by deferring Item 2 on the Agenda to the December Board meeting and adding a new Item 16 "Tri Country Conference. The Agenda was approved as amended.

The Chair, on behalf of TCHC and the Board welcomed Ms. Catherine Wilkinson to the meeting. Ms. Wilkinson was selected by Tenant Representatives for nomination to the Toronto Community Housing Board of Directors.

ITEM 1 SUBSIDIARY BOARDS – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TCHC:2007-149

Motions carried as amended

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-149) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Directors:

- appoint two (2) outgoing members of the Toronto Community Housing board to sit on a Nominations Committee for the subsidiary boards with expiring terms;
- direct the Nominating Committee to undertake the appropriate processes for the recruitment and selection of directors for the Housing Services Inc. and Access Housing Connections subsidiaries, before the end of this year; and
- (3) direct the Nominating Committee to make their recommendations on directors for the two (2) subsidiaries to the Toronto Community Housing Board.

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ON MOTION MADE by Mr. John Brewin, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall the Board of Directors amended recommendation (1) contained in the report to read as follows:

"(1) that the Board appoint Mr. Nick Volk and Ms. Penny Milton, outgoing members, to act with the Chief Executive Officer, as the Nominating Committee for the two (2) subsidiary boards that have term expiries coming up this year, Housing Services Inc., and Access Housing Connections."

And adopted the report as amended.

ITEM 2 PROCESS INVOLVED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TENANTS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Deferred

The above-captioned Item was deferred.

ITEM 3 PROPOSED 2008 SCHEDULE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGSA

TCHC:2007-147

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:C2007-147) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Director approve the proposed meeting dates for Board and Committees for 2008

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell:

the Board of Directors approved the proposed meeting dates for Board and Committees for 2008 and made a further recommendation (2) as follows:

"(2) that staff identify four (4) dates in the 2008 meeting schedule for Board Workshops and these dates be provided to the Board members."

And approved the report as amended.

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ITEM 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS

TCHC:2007-175

Motions carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-175) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Directors:

- (1) direct staff to provide payment of honorariums on a bi-weekly basis to include a record of meetings the payment is for and a year-to-date total; and
- (2) authorize staff to take the necessary actions required to effect the changes.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Penny Milton, seconded by Ms. Joan Simalchik:

the Board of Directors adopted the report without amendment.

ITEM 5 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO ONPHA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TCHC:2007-171

Motions carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-171) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Directors:

- (1) approve the placement of motions attached to this report concerning the approach to Special Priority Placement for applicants that are victims of domestic violence and on the urgent need for action and funding for capital repairs; and
- (2) authorize the CEO to take the necessary actions to give effect to this motion.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Penny Milton, seconded by Mr. Nick Volk:

the Board of Directors approved the report.

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The Board discussed an addition to Resolution 9 that was not amended at the Board meeting and requested that it be brought forward to the ONPHA Annual General Meeting at the discretion of the CEO.

ITEM 6 REVISIONS TO STAFF – CITY COUNCILLOR PROTOCOL

TCHC:2007-169

Motion carried as amended

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-169) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. John Brewin, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher the Board of Directors amended the report by adding the following recommendation:

"That staff report back to the December 14, 2008 Board meeting with revisions on the Policy based on the discussion at the Board."

ITEM 7 EUROPEAN URBAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 12 – 14, 2007 GLASGOW

TCHC:2007-148

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-148) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Directors receive the report for information:

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

the Board of Directors received the report for information.

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QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-164) from the Audit Committee recommending that the Board of Directors receive the full quarterly performance report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Nick Volk, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell:

the Board of Directors received the full quarterly performance report for information.

ITEM 9 ENHANCEMENTS TO BOARD REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSE POLICY

TCHC:2007-170

Motions carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-170) from the Audit Committee recommending that the Board of Directors:

- (1) approve the revised Board Reimbursement of Expenses Policy (Attachment 1) with revisions as highlighted in the policy and outlined in the 'Revisions to Policy' section below;
- (2) approve the expense reimbursement rates referred to in the policy Appendix I and identified in the 'Reimbursement Rates' section below; and
- (3) authorize staff to take the necessary actions required to effect the changes.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Nick Volk, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

the Board of Directors approved the report without amendment.

ITEM 10 TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING'S ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

TCHC:2007-150

Motions carried as amended The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-150) from the City Building Committee recommending that the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

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ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Mr. Nick Volk the Board of Directors received and amended the report by making (2) further recommendations as follows:

- (1) that a resolution be written for the ONPHA Annual General Meeting, subject to approval of the Chair, that request that where the Provincial Government creates requirements with significant cost implications, the province provide funding or cost avoidance methods for organizations that do not have access to additional income sources; and
- (2) that legal counsel report back on TCHC's consultation with the Human Rights Commission.

And adopted the recommendations as amended.

ITEM 11 2008 MORTGAGE RENEWALS

TCHC:2007-159

Motions carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-159) from the Finance Committee recommending that the Board of Directors:

- (1) authorize the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to arrange mortgage refinancing for the Toronto Community Housing's mortgage obligations maturing in 2008 by adopting the attached Resolution set forth in Appendix "I" until such time as the TCHC may be instructed or invited to use a different approach to renewal of mortgages; and,
- (2) authorize the appropriate officials of the corporation to take the necessary action to give effect to Recommendation (1).

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

the Board of Directors adopted the report without amendments.

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ITEM 12 CITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

TCHC:2007-151

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned minutes (TCHC:2007-151) from the City Building Committee recommending that the Board of Directors receive the minutes for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

the Board of Directors received the minutes for information.

ITEM 13 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

TCHC:2007-157

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned minutes (TCHC:2007-157) from the Finance Committee recommending that the Board of Directors receive the minutes for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

the Board of Directors received the minutes for information.

ITEM 14 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – JULY 20, 2007 TCHC:2007-162

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned minutes (TCHC:2007-162) from the Audit Committee recommending that the Board of Directors receive the minutes for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

the Board of Directors received the minutes for information.

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CONNECTIONS SUBSIDIARY

Motion carried

The Board of Directors had before it the above-captioned report (TCHC:2007-174) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Board of Directors receive the 1st and 2nd quarter performance reports for 2007 for its subsidiary Housing Connections for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Joan Simalchik, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

the Board of Directors received the 1st and 2nd quarter performance reports for 2007 for its subsidiary Housing Connections for information.

ITEM 16 TRI COUNTRY CONFERENCE

Verbal

Mr. Nick Volk informed the Board that the Tri Country Conference is being held in Toronto in October 2008. CHRA is the contact and will provide further information to TCHC.

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried

At 12:10 p.m. the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Cliff Martin, seconded by Ms. Penny Milton:

the Board of Directors ratified the actions authorized during the "in camera" meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

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