



**Houselink Community Homes  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019**

**Present:** Phillip Dufresne (Chair), Linda McNeil, Mary Modeste, Joann Sochor, Mark Guttridge, Richa Jagota, Colette Snyder, Charles Finlay, Natalie Ochrym

**Regrets:** Douglas Jordan

**Staff:** Brian Davis, Helen Cheung (minutes), Charlie Lior

**Approval of Agenda with additional items**

Moved by: Colette Snyder

Seconded by: Mark Guttridge

Carried

**Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interest declared

**Approval of Consent Agenda Item**

Moved by: Joann Sochor

Seconded by: Charles Finlay

Carried

**Business Arising and Any Consent Agenda Item Requiring Action or Further Discussion**

Brian has interviewed a candidate as a replacement for Monica during her leave. Toronto Christian Resource Centre is amalgamating with Fred Victor on July 1; the contract with TCRC to manage 40 Oaks may end as Fred Victor has the capacity to manage the building.

**Motion to go in Camera**

Moved by: Joann Sochor

Seconded: Mary Modeste

Carried

**Motion to go Out-of-Camera**

Moved by: Mark Guttridge

Seconded by: Colette Snyder

Carried

**Motion to accept the audited financial statements and recommend they be put to the AGM to approve (Prentice, Yate and Clark attending)**

Paul from Prentice, Yate and Clark presented the financial statements and Houselink is in a strong financial position.

Moved by: Joann Sochor

Seconded: Mary Modeste

Carried

**Motion to Approve Application for City Funding to Provide Peer Support in Shelters**

Helen informed the board that Houselink has applied for this city funding that aims to develop a new support model for providing peer support services to city shelter users. It has a training component for identifying shelter users who can become peer workers. Houselink is experienced in providing peer support and working with people who had been homeless.

Moved by: Charles Finlay

Seconded by: Colette Snyder

Carried

**Action:** Brian will ask Peter to send out a summary of the application to the board.

**Board Evaluation – Walk Through Questions and Reflect on Comments**

The return rate was high (80%). However the presentation did not have all the questions so the results will be sent out later for directors to review.

**Action:** Brian will ask Peter to send out all questions and answers to the board.

**Update from the Nominations Committee and Motion to Approve the Addition of Steve Rogers to the slate of Participant Candidates to be Put Forward for Acclamation at this Year's AGM**

Mary reported that there is one vacancy and a participant Steve Rogers who had previously withdrawn his application is now available.

Moved by: Richa Jagota

Seconded by: Mark Guttridge

Carried

**City Governance Course**

Richa and Colette are interested and will register for the course. This way they can go and also hold the seats for new board members that may need the training.

**Motion to Approve Compliance Declaration for the TCLHIN**

Moved by: Charles Finlay

Seconded by: Joann Sochor

Carried

**Update from Helen on Recovery Guideline Implementation Research**

This is a 3-year pan-Canada research led by Dr. Myra Piat from McGill University to implement Mental Health Commission of Canada's "Guidelines for Recovery-Oriented Practice". The research chose Houselink as the Ontario site together with other supportive housing organizations at British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec, and New Brunswick. After much data analysis and meeting with management, Dr. Piat chose two Houselink buildings and formed an implementation team that composed of participants, support workers, a recovery worker, a manager, and Addiction & Mental Health Ontario's policy analyst. The research is currently almost at its one-year mark.

**Motion to go into Camera**

Moved by: Natalie Ochrym  
Seconded by: Richa Jagota  
Carried

**Out-of-Camera Check-in Motion**

Moved by: Mary Modeste  
Seconded by: Joann Sochor  
Carried

**Adjournment**

Moved by: Mark Guttridge  
Seconded by: Charles Finlay  
Carried

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Phillip Dufresne, Chair

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Date