



**Houselink Community Homes
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020**

Present: Linda McNeil, Mary Modeste (Chair), Joann Sochor,
Colette Snyder, Carole King, Steve Rogers

Phone: Natalie Ochrym, Phillip Dufresne

Staff: Brian Davis and Monica Vaus (minutes)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Carol King

Seconded by: Joann Sochor

Carried

To Approve the Recommendations from the Joint Governance Committee

a. Membership Classes

b. Initial Board Structure and Composition

c. Names of who will be on the initial board (slate)

A memo dated February 12, 2020 from the Joint Governance Committee was distributed to the Board prior to the February 18th Board meeting.

The Proposed Slate:

The initial Board will ensure parity between tenant and community membership.

Community

1. Natalie Ochrym (HL)
2. Joann Sochor (HL)
3. Drew Baillie (MS)
4. Peggy Mooney (MS)
5. Leslie Gash (MS)

Tenant Participant

1. Steve Rogers (HL)
2. Phillip Dufresne (HL)
3. Linda McNeil (HL)
4. Carol King (HL/MS)
5. Gordon Singer (MS)

Size of the Initial Board

There was substantial discussion about either keeping the initial board size at 10 as recommended by the Joint Governance Committee (JGC) or increasing initial board size to 12. The Board reviewed the pro's and con's that had been discussed by the Joint Governance Committee, as well as the role of the JGC which is charged with building consensus between the two organizations.

Carried

8 votes were cast in favour of 12 initial board members.

(There was no mover, nor seconder. This item will be revisited March 17 meeting.)

Proposal for 2 Classes/Types of Membership

As noted in the memo, this structure was highly recommended as a risk management strategy by Houselink's lawyer in preparation for the new Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act (ONCA) back in 2013/14. In reviewing the recommendations, the Board asked Brian to share the legal recommendations made in 2013/14 and to speak to our lawyer regarding finding alternative language (ie. category of membership).

Action: Brian to shared the legal opinion from 2013/14 and to seek alternative language.

Motion to accept the proposed membership structure

Moved by: Joann Sochor

Seconded by: Phillip Dufresne

Carried

Action: The Risk Management Plan Annual Update will be tabled to the next board meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by: Phillip Dufresne

Seconded by: Steve Rogers

Carried