**Indigenous Caucus Working Group Election (2020-22)**

**Introduction and Key Principles**

Under the new Indigenous Caucus Terms of Reference adopted by the Working Group and the CHRA Board of Directors in 2019, it was agreed that members of the Working Group would be hereby elected via an open election process. Within the Terms of Reference and in subsequent discussions, the following key principles were identified to guide that election process:

* To ensure continuity in the Working Group’s operations, it was agreed to stagger an election process over a 3-year period (see below for more details)
* The size of the Working Group should be between 8 and 13 members (not including ex officio)
* Membership on the Working Group must include representation from the regions: BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic, and the North.
* The Director, Indigenous Communities on the CHRA Board of Directors is an ex officio member of the Working Group and will serve as Chair of the Working Group. The President of the CHRA Board of Directors is also an ex officio member.
* Nominees will be voted upon via secret ballot by members of the CHRA Indigenous Caucus.
* The Working Group shall have a majority of members who self-identify as Indigenous. Working Group members would be elected for a 3-year term, with the ability to run for an additional 3-year term.
* Any CHRA member in good standing who self-identify as Indigenous AND/OR those CHRA members who have an understanding of Indigenous housing and homelessness issues including Indigenous tenant support, building operations, and cultural issues, and who have declared they wish to be members of the Caucus, are eligible to stand for election to the Working Group.

**TIMELINE 2020**

February 27 – Send Indigenous Quarterly out with New Terms of Reference and Election Notice

March 2 – Nominations open for Election

March 20 – Nominations Close for Election

March 23 – Send voting info to all members

March 24 – Voting opens for positions

March 31 – Voting closes for positions

March 31 – Contact all candidates with results

March 31 – Send email to Caucus with results

April 20 – Introduce Working Group to Caucus

The entire caucus votes for the At Large positions, but only members of the province which has an open position may vote for that provincial representative (Someone from Ontario can only vote for the Ontario representative, not the BC representative).

**Eligibility Criteria for a Working Group Director**

Must be 18 years of age and a Canadian citizen

Individuals must be affiliated with a member of the CHRA Indigenous Caucus (employee, Board member, individual member, etc.)

For Regional Directors, the individual must reside or work in the region that they are representing. For At Large positions, there are no restrictions on province or region of residence.

**NOMINATION FORM**

Any CHRA member in good standing who self-identify as Indigenous AND/OR those CHRA members who have an understanding of Indigenous housing and homelessness issues including Indigenous tenant support, building operations, and cultural issues, and who have declared they wish to be members of the Caucus, are eligible to stand for election to the Working Group. Please send this form and an electronic photo of the nominee to Steve Sutherland at [ssutherland@chra-achru.ca](mailto:ssutherland@chra-achru.ca)

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| **Nominee Information** | |
| **First and Last Name** |  |
| **Position Sought** (Location or At Large)  Please add a checkmark to the following | * Manitoba * Saskatchewan * Quebec * New Brunswick * Nova Scotia * Prince Edward Islands * Newfoundland and Labrador |
| **Organization Name** |  |
| **Home Address** |  |
| **Work Address** |  |
| **Contact Information** | Phone:  Email: |
| **Bio (250-350 words):** | |
| **Nominator Information** | |
| **First and Last Name** |  |
| **Organization Name** |  |
| **Contact Information** | Phone:  Email: |
| **Reminder that the duties as member of Caucus Working Group are as follows**  -Development of Caucus policies and positions  -Identification of tactics to pursue Caucus objectives and goals  -Consideration of requests from the CHRA Board of Directors  -Oversight of Caucus initiatives and projects  -Development of annual Caucus workplan, including identification of resource requirements  -Attend Caucus Working Group Calls | |