



## **2023 CHRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**1:00 pm ET, June 1, 2023**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Timothy Crooks, President of the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA) and Chair of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) welcomed the delegates, noting that this is his last act as CHRA President before becoming Past President. He also gave a land acknowledgement of all Indigenous peoples and territories in Canada.

#### **2. Notice of Annual General Meeting and Quorum**

Susan McGee, CHRA Secretary, announced that quorum was met, and proper notice was given for the meeting.

Motion that the agenda be approved

MOVED: Derek Giberson

SECONDED: Margaret Pfoh

CARRIED

#### **3. Approval of Minutes, Annual General Meeting, May 10, 2022**

Motion that the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Annual General Meeting be approved

MOVED: Olga TAsci

SECONDED: Louise Atkins

CARRIED

#### **4. Joint Report of the President and Executive Director**

Tim Crooks and Ray Sullivan, Executive Director, CHRA, shared that the joint report of the President and Executive Director was outlined in the Annual Report and AGM package. Ray acknowledged that housing is a human right in Canada, and this is important as we see stark injustice and inequality in housing.

Tim invited Justin Marchand, Chair of the Indigenous Caucus, to share recent success. Justin spoke for the progress from the November 2022 gathering in Vancouver which led to a federal commitment of \$4 billion over 7 years for urban, rural and northern Indigenous housing, and the creation of NICH (National Indigenous Housing Collaborative Inc).

Tim thanked all of the dedicated leaders with whom he has served on the CHRA Board, and the hard-working CHRA staff.

Justin Marchand, Chair of the Indigenous Caucus, commented on the Caucus' advocacy efforts over 2021, and the importance of a for-Indigenous, by-Indigenous housing strategy.

Moved that the Joint Report of the President, Indigenous Caucus Chair and Executive Director be received.

MOVED: George Cormier

SECONDED: Louise Atkins

CARRIED

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

CHRA Treasurer Olga Tasci reported on the 2022 Audited Financial Statements. And introduced Auditor Martine Viau, partner at Marcil-Lavalee. CHRA ended 2022 with a deficit of \$29,978, less than the budgeted deficit of \$72,534.

Derek Giberson asked about the lower year-end cash balance in 2022 vs 2021. Ray Sullivan answered that it was because in 2021 we launched 2022 membership

renewals in the Fall, and so had pre-paid revenue. Martine Viau added that there was also a \$40k loan repaid prior to year end.

Motion to accept the 2022 financial report.

MOVED: Olga Tasci

SECONDED: Christin Swim

CARRIED

## **6. Appointment of Auditors for 2023**

Olga Tasci noted that we have worked with the firm Marcil Lavalee for the last four years and have been please with their work. shared that in 2019, CHRA brought on a new auditor in Marcil Lavalee. As a result, the CHRA Finance Committee and the Board are recommending we retain Marcil-Lavallee as our auditor for 2023.

Motion that Marcil Lavallee be appointed as auditors for 2023.

MOVED: Olga Tasci

SECONDED: Margaret Pfoh

CARRIED

## **7. Consideration of Resolutions and By-Law Changes**

Board Secretary Susan McGee present a resolution, submitted by the Board in advance:

### **Resolution: Indigenous Housing Justice**

*Whereas the Indigenous Housing Caucus was established in 2013 at the annual CHRA Congress on Housing and Homelessness in recognition of the large number of Indigenous-led and Indigenous-serving organizations who*

*are members and wanted to work together for better housing for northern, rural, and urban First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people;*

***Whereas*** *the CHRA membership has long supported the Caucus in its call for a fully funded for-Indigenous, by-Indigenous urban, rural and northern (URN) housing strategy;*

***Whereas*** *Indigenous people are consistently overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness and people in core housing need, and numerous reports, including from the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, the National Housing Council, Parliamentary Budget Officer, and the Parliamentary Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA), have called for a national URN Indigenous housing strategy;*

***Whereas*** *the Indigenous Caucus and its allies have achieved some success over the past year in securing an initial financial commitment of \$4 billion over 7 years from the federal government, and created the National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Incorporated (NICHI) as the independent, Indigenous-governed delivery agent for URN Indigenous housing programs;*

***Be It Resolved That*** *CHRA and its membership support the Indigenous Caucus in its ongoing effort to secure adequate funding for a service-based, people-centred, for-Indigenous, by-Indigenous urban, rural and northern housing strategy;*

***Be It Further Resolved That*** *CHRA and its membership recognize the National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Incorporated (NICHI) as a partner, a leading voice in the co-development of an URN Indigenous housing strategy, and the suitable primary delivery agent for URN Indigenous housing programs.*

MOVED: Olga Tasci

SECONDED: Margaret Pfoh

CARRIED

## 8. Presentation of the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors adopted a new Strategic Plan, after consultation with membership. Ray Sullivan presented the new Strategic Plan, which has five strategic goals:

1. Put forth a strong national advocacy voice
2. Steward the next generation of housing professionals
3. Be the go-to partner to gain expertise and collaborate on housing outcomes
4. Expand our member and paid service offerings
5. Grow our membership base

## 9. Report of the Nominations Committee

Vice President and Governance Committee Chair George Cormier reported on Board elections and nominations. George presented the slate as recommended by the Board of Directors:

- **Manitoba: James Heinrichs**, Executive Director, Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation
- **Ontario: Michael Braithwaite**, CEO, Blue Door
- **Québec: André Castonguay**, directeur général, Réseau Québécois des OSBL d'Habitation
- **Newfoundland and Labrador: Jen Crowe**, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Choices for Youth
- **Northern Territories: Juanie Pudluk**, Associate Deputy Minister, Nunavut Housing Corporation

Motion to ratify the results of the nomination process as presented in the Report of the Nominating Committee

MOVED: George Cormier

SECONDED: Christin Swim

CARRIED

## 10. Introduction of the Board of Directors for 2023-24

Tim Crooks presented the full 2023-2024 Board of Directors:

- President & Regional Director, British Columbia – **Margaret Pfoh**, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Housing Management Association
- Past President & Regional Director, Nova Scotia and PEI – **Tim Crooks**, Executive Director, Phoenix Youth
- Regional Director, Ontario – **Michael Braithwaite**, CEO, Blue Door
- Director-at-Large – **Leigh Bursey**, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador
- Regional Director, Newfoundland & Labrador – **Jen Crowe**, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Choices for Youth
- Regional Director, New Brunswick – **George Cormier**, Executive Director, New Brunswick Non Profit Housing Association
- Director-at-Large – **Anne Demers**, Directrice générale, Regroupement des Offices d’habitation du Québec.
- Regional Director, Québec – **André Castonguay**, directeur général, Réseau Québécois des OSBL d’Habitation
- Regional Director, Manitoba – **James Heinrichs**, Executive Director, Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation
- Director, Indigenous Communities – **Justin Marchand**, CEO, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services
- Regional Director, Alberta – **Susan McGee**, Chief Executive Officer, Homeward Trust Edmonton
- Regional Director, Northern Territories – **Juanie Pudluk**, Associate Deputy Minister, Nunavut Housing Corporation
- Director-at-Large – **Shaun Simms**, Vice President, Ottawa Community Housing Corporation
- Regional Director, Saskatchewan – **Tyler Stewart**, President, Stewart Properties

## 11. Recognition of Departing Board Members

Incoming President Margaret Pfoh gave thanks and appreciation to departing board members:

- ***Olga Tasci***

- *Simone Lilly,*
- *Jacques Beaudoin*
- *Patsy Kuksuk, and*
- *Christina Maes-Nino.*

Margaret also thanked CHRA Staff:

- Leah Blunden, Manager of Communications
- Kim Brown, Director of the Indigenous Caucus
- Mary Clarke, Manager of CIH Canada
- Jacob Gorenkoff, Director of Policy and Government Relations
- Jane Jiang, Manager of Finance
- Chloe Martin, Membership & Program Coordinator
- Julie McNamara, Director of Programs, Partnerships & Events
- Ray Sullivan, Executive Director

Margaret gave a special thanks to outgoing President Tim Crooks.

## **11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting

MOVED: Olga Tasci

CARRIED

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Shaun Simms, Board Secretary