

Minutes Ontario Members' Meeting

June 9, 2017

Scotiabank Convention Centre

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Attendance

The total registered attendance of 574 included 174 delegates and 68 alternates. Others present included observers, housing co-op staff, workshop leaders, volunteers, guests, sponsors, Ontario Council members and Ontario Region staff.

1. Call to order

Ontario Council President, David Waters, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. on June 9, 2017 and welcomed participants.

2. Introductions, welcoming remarks

The President welcomed members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of Ontario members.

Candidates nominated for the CHF Canada Board of Directors were then introduced.

Board of Directors

At-large

Anne Davidson	(Granville Gardens, Richmond, BC)
Barb Millsap	(Springhill Co-op, Sudbury, ON)
Brian Eng	(Windmill Line, Toronto, ON)
Dianne Brubaker	(Creekside, North Vancouver, BC)
Scott Stager Piatkowski	(Bread & Roses, Kitchener, BC)
Nicole Waldron	(Atahualpa, Scarborough, ON)

The President noted that elections for these positions would take place on Saturday at the national business meeting.

3. Appointment of chairs

M/S Bye (Changemakers)/Barnes (DACHI)

THAT Noreen Dunphy, Anjala Kalusegaram and Bruce Woodrow be appointed Co-Chairs of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Ontario members.

CARRIED

The Chair, Noreen Dunphy, drew delegates' attention to the translation devices that were available and reminded delegates that the meeting would be conducted in both official languages.

She informed participants that priority to speak on resolutions would be given to delegates. She also explained that any new or amended resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee so that they can be word-processed and translated before being presented to members. The Chair then introduced Resolutions Committee members Lisa Berting, Sharon Carolan-McKinnon, Karla Skoutajan, René Daoust, Blair Hamilton.

The Chair drew delegates' attention to the Rules of Order and to the statement on harassment and discrimination in the meeting book.

4. Establishment of quorum

The Chair advised the meeting that the quorum for the meeting of Ontario members is 15 percent of eligible members in Ontario on the date that the Notice of Meeting was sent. On that date, there were 528 Ontario members. She reported that 174 delegates, representing 33 percent of CHF Canada's Ontario members, had registered for the meeting. Quorum was therefore established.

5. Adoption of agenda

The Chair advised the meeting that the agenda could be found on page 49 of the meeting book.

M/S Monro (CHASEO)/Chiokis (Spirit of 1919)

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Minutes of 2016 annual meeting of Ontario Members

The Chair noted that the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting are posted on CHF Canada's website and are also available at the Conference Office.

M/S Conroy (Halam Park)/Nogueira (Marketview)

THAT the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Annual report of Ontario Council

The President, David Waters, and Vice-President, Tom Clement, presented the annual report on the activities of the Ontario Region and on action taken on the resolutions adopted at the 2016 annual meeting of Ontario members. The President encouraged delegates to review the published CHF Canada annual report which includes a report on the work of the Ontario Region and the detailed report in the meeting book on what the Ontario Council has done to follow up on the resolutions in the past year.

The President, David Waters, also reported on Government Relations activities of the Ontario Region. The Co-op Housing Day at Queen's Park was another great success, with great participation from MPPs and cabinet members.

The Ontario Regions Government Relations team has seen progress on two recommendations to the Ontario Government. The first recommendation was to enact Inclusionary Zoning legislation, to give the tools to municipalities to build more affordable housing. The Ontario Region also worked hard for changes to the Housing Services Act that enable a review of municipal service manager decisions. The review mechanisms that were provided for in the act were never put in place through regulation. Ontario Region asked that regulations be drafted so co-ops will have a way to have service manager decisions reviewed and even overturned. These

regulations will also provide a level playing field for housing providers and municipal service managers.

The Vice-President, Tom Clement, gave an update on CHF Canada Ontario Region's core work, Co-op Services. Co-op services staff provide practical advice to co-ops in Ontario, and this advice is essential to the governance and management of housing co-ops in Ontario. Co-op services staff create resources for co-ops and share best practices with member co-ops. A set of fact sheets were developed and produced in 2016 on topics such as recovering damages in small claims court, how changes to the accessibility act effect your co-op, and an updated model policy on workplace violence and harassment.

Co-op Services staff are also closely monitoring the dispersal of provincial retrofit funds through municipalities, to see how much is going to co-op housing in Ontario. The program is aimed at social housing providers so they can lower their carbon footprint.

The President introduced the members of the Ontario Council and thanked them for their hard work over the year, and the Managing Director of the Ontario Region, Harvey Cooper, introduced the Ontario Region staff.

8. Presentation by the Minister of Housing

The Honourable Chris Ballard, Ontario Minister for Housing, was introduced by the President, and the Minister addressed the meeting. The Minister praised the work of the Ontario Region Government Relations program, and spoke about the efforts his government is making in Ontario to protect rental and affordable housing, to increase the affordable housing supply, and protect tenants' rights. Minister Ballard thanked the members for their input and feedback on housing initiatives.

9. 2016 annual meeting of Ontario Members Resolutions

Special R1 Ontario Region Operating Rules: Ontario Council Terms of Office

M/S Hele (Clintwood)/Conroy (Halam Park)

1. **THAT** Ontario Operating Rules, section 4.3 Election of Ontario Council, be changed from the current term of two years to three years which

would be consistent with the term now in place for CHF Canada's Board of Directors;

2. **AND THAT** the current term limit, also referenced in section 4.3 of the Ontario Operating Rules, of three consecutive terms be changed to two consecutive terms.

CARRIED

R2 You Hold The Key

M/S Barnes (DACHI)/Zubair (Homestarts)

1. **THAT** in the coming provincial election in 2018 CHF Canada's Ontario Region focus its campaign on the theme "*You Hold The Key*";
2. **THAT** in the campaign we call on all political parties to commit to:
 - Finding a long-term solution to protect low-income members in federal housing co-ops, and
 - Fixing the chronic shortage of affordable housing in Ontario by investing in new, permanently affordable non-profit housing with a specific target for developing co-op units;
3. **THAT** during the campaign, and throughout the year in the build up to it, co-ops across Ontario work with their regional federations and the Ontario Region to make sure that every candidate with a co-op in their area know the benefit of co-op housing and that they hold the key to keeping vulnerable co-op members in their homes;
4. **AND THAT** the Ontario Region provide resources and leadership with regional federations to promote and support co-op engagement in the campaign.

CARRIED

10. Co-op housing staff recognition awards

Barb Millsap, Ontario Region Director and Sharon Carolan-McKinnon, Ontario Council member presented the co-op housing staff recognition awards. At this meeting, staff were recognized for their years of service to housing co-ops. This included recognizing six staff for five years of service, four staff for ten years of service, two staff for 15 years of service, four staff for 20 years of service, and one staff for 25 years of service.

11. Late resolutions

No late resolutions were presented to the meeting.

12. Recognition of retiring Council members

Council member Tom Clement thanked retiring Council member Barb Millsap for her contributions to the Ontario Council.

13. Appreciation: Mark Paul

The Managing Director, Ontario Region, Harvey Cooper paid a touching tribute to Mark Paul, former Executive Director of COCHF, and co-op champion for over 40 years. Mr. Paul died on March 30, 2017.

14. Date and location of 2018 Annual General Meeting of Ontario Members

The Chair announced that the 2018 Annual Meeting of Ontario Members will be held on June 8th in Victoria, British Columbia.

15. Election of Ontario Council members

The Elections Officer for the Ontario Region, Harvey Cooper, introduced Nominating Committee members Allison Ferris, Lisa Berting, David Corson, David McFarlane and Sharon Carolan-McKinnon.

He then reported on the outcome of the elections that were held online.

Ontario Federations

- Mary Ann Hannant (CHFT)

Receiving no more nominations, Mary Ann Hannant is acclaimed.

Ontario Regional Director

- Tom Clement (CHFT)

Receiving no more nominations, Tom Clement was acclaimed.

He then conducted the elections and reported that at the close of nomination on March 31, the following had declared their candidacy for positions on the Ontario Council:

There was one election for two At-large positions.

At-large (two positions)

- Allison Chase (Ramer's Wood, Markham, ON)
- Jonathon Hughes (Windmill Line, Toronto ON)
- Vincent Lacroix (Tamarack, Sudbury, ON) Not in attendance.
- Michael Newman (Kanata, Kanata, ON)
- Clinton Reid (Harry Sherman Crowe, Toronto, ON)
- Mitch Reiss (Neill-Wycik Co-op, Toronto, ON)

The at-large candidates were given two minutes each to address the meeting.

Mr. Cooper gave instructions to delegates on rules and procedure for the election of the At-large seats on the Ontario Council.

16. Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chair declared the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario members of CHF Canada closed at 4:15 p.m., Friday June 9, 2017.

CERTIFIED to be the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Ontario Members of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada.

Chair

Recording Secretary