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Report 2024-063

Report Title: NCHC Annual General Meeting – May 22, 2024

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Council Meeting Date: May 15, 2024

Report Not Considered by

Standing Committee Because:

- Time-sensitive Issue (information received too late for Committee consideration)
- Urgent Matter (issue arose after this month’s Committee meeting)
- Other

Strategic Plan Priorities: Innovate for Service Excellence
 Ignite Economic Opportunity
 Foster a Thriving Community
 Propel Sustainable Growth
 Champion a Vibrant Future

Recommendation

“That County Council, having considered Report 2024-063 ‘NCHC Annual General Meeting – May 22, 2024’, authorize Jennifer Moore, Chief Administrative Officer to act on behalf of the Shareholder in the confirmation of the Corporation’s Directors at the Northumberland County Housing (NCHC) Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024.”

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to appoint a representative of the shareholder to act on its behalf at the Northumberland County Housing Corporation (NCHC) May 22, 2024, Annual General Meeting in the confirmation of Corporate Directors.

Background

This report builds on the notification of the May 22, 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was provided to County Council as shareholder through correspondence sent to the Warden in April 2024.

The NCHC was incorporated on December 14, 2000 pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) (the OBCA) under the authority of the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (the SHRA). The Corporation's sole shareholder is the County of Northumberland and currently owns 373 units of social, affordable, and market housing.

The sixth annual NCHC Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. via videoconference. There will be 9 directors continuing in their role as Director on the Board from last year, in addition to the new County Council representative, Mandy Martin. In addition, two new directors will be formally confirmed by the Shareholder as approved in January 2024. The 11 Directors being confirmed are:

- Cathy Borowec
- Victor Fiume
- Steve Gilchrist
- Councillor John Logel
- Councillor Mandy Martin
- Maryam Mohajer-Ashjai
- Jennifer Moore
- Jacqueline Pennington
- Lindsey Reed
- Lou Rinaldi
- Anneke Russel

It is anticipated that at the AGM, the NCHC Board of Directors via resolutions will appoint an auditor for the 2024 fiscal year, confirm positions of officers of the corporation, including the election of Secretary and appointment of a new General Manager, and approve the 2023 audited financial statements.

Warden Brian Ostrander has confirmed attendance to bring remarks from the Shareholder to the NCHC Board. In addition, the 2023 NCHC Annual Report will be presented and will then be brought to County Council to receive as information, in accordance with the Shareholder Direction.

Consultations

Internal consultations have taken place with key departments including Finance, the Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services, and Communications. In addition, external consultations have occurred with the NCHC Board of Directors.

Legislative Authority / Risk Considerations

The NCHC was incorporated under the authority of the SHRA which gave Service Managers the ability to create local housing corporations. This authority was not included in the Housing Services Act, 2011 (the HAS). As an incorporated entity under the OBCA, the NCHC is required to remain in compliance with the Act.

Discussion / Options

Northumberland County appointed a skills-based board on June 24, 2019. Over the last four years the NCHC Board and County staff have made significant strides in supporting the County's strategic priority of affordable housing and have completed a 5-year strategic plan.

The NCHC AGM is open to the public and interested Members of Council.

Financial Impact

N/A

Member Municipality Impacts

N/A

Conclusion / Outcomes

It is recommended that County Council authorize Jennifer Moore, Chief Administrative Officer to act on its behalf in the confirmation of the Corporation's Directors at the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024 as outlined in the report.

Attachments

1. Notification Letter to Warden Ostrander
2. NCHC Annual General Meeting Agenda - May 22, 2024