

## **2. OTTAWA-CARLETON HOUSING BOARD: COMPOSITION AND MEMBERS**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **DOCUMENTATION**

1. A/Director of Social Housing report dated 2 August 2000 is immediately attached.
2. Extract of Draft Minute, Community Services Committee, 20 July 2000 follows the above noted report and includes a record of all votes.

REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON  
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REPORT  
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DATE	2 August 2000
TO/DEST.	Co-ordinator Community Services Committee
FROM/EXP.	A/Director of Social Housing
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## BACKGROUND

Members of Local Housing Authority (LHA) Boards are appointed by provincial Order-in-Council appointments. The OCH Board comprises 13 members. Two appointments continue until July 2001. Two positions are currently vacant (one person resigned at the last meeting). At the OCH Board meeting of 17 July 2000, concern was expressed about the fact that, by the end of September 2000, all but two of the occupied positions will be filled by persons whose term has expired (list follows). This includes the five Regional Councillors who had been nominated by Regional Council in 1998; although their Regional Council term has not expired, the Order-in-Council appointments were only for a period of two years. Councillor Linda Davis who is one of the Regional Councillors on OCH raised this issue at the Community Services Committee meeting 20 July 2000. Although the Order-in-Council appointments for OCH allow for persons to continue to be mandated as a board member until they are reappointed or replaced, some members of the OCH were concerned about having so many in an overhold position.

Recently modified procedures for LHA appointments require Regional Council to make all nominations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for all OCH positions. Therefore, the OCH Board asked that Councillor Davis recommend that Council request the Minister to extend the current Order-in-Council appointments for up to a year or until such time as the new City Council will make new nominations. For the five elected positions, the new Council will have to nominate replacements (or reappointments if applicable) early in 2001.

Councillors may recall that in June 2000 they approved the following:

*“That Council defer any decision regarding the composition of the OCH Board or filling the existing vacancy until the future ownership and governance of the public housing stock is determined, and that this decision be communicated to the Chair of the Board.”*

The current resolution does not negate or contradict the June decision but simply asks the Minister to extend the existing appointments in order to provide some reassurance to the current members and to provide some continuity after the election. When legislation is tabled to indicate provincial intent with regard to public housing, options for board structures and nominations will then be considered.

*Approved by  
Marni Cappe*

JF/slp

Members of OCH Board - Terms Expiring

Bryan Dorling, Chair  
Pasqualina Adamo  
Wendy Byrne  
Linda Davis  
Clive Doucet  
Ewen Evans  
Betty Hill  
Diane Holmes  
Richard Stead

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Councillor Davis remarked that at a recent meeting of the Ottawa-Carleton Housing Board, it was brought to their attention that there are only two members of the board whose terms of service have not expired. She noted these are Order In Council appointments from the province and the situation has put the Board in a compromising position whereby it is not effective. She suggested that Council send a letter to the Ministry requesting that terms be extended past January 1, 2001, so that there would be a corporate memory on the board, particularly during a period of transition.

Councillor W. Byrne noted that the present composition of the Board includes 5 members of Regional Council, and at least 2 of those Councillors are not seeking re-election, and will not be members after December 31, 2000. She noted that she would like more information on the technical details of the membership situation.

Ms. Judy Forrest, Social Housing Group, provided a proposed motion prepared by the Ottawa Carleton Housing Board, which requests extension of the appointments to the Housing Board until new members are appointed, for up to one year to provide for a transition.

In response to a question from Councillor A. Loney, Ms. Forrest replied that although Regional Council does not have the authority to appoint members, it does have responsibility to recommend members for appointment by provincial cabinet.

Moved by L. Davis

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