# REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON RÉGION D'OTTAWA-CARLETON

REPORT RAPPORT

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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator

**Community Services Committee** 

FROM/EXP. Regional Clerk

SUBJECT/OBJET APPOINTMENTS: OTTAWA-CARLETON HOUSING BOARD

## **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve the appointment of the following three OCH tenants to the Ottawa-Carleton Housing Board:

Louise Bazinet, Desirée Joe Bizimana, Bonnie McKenzie

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Region of Ottawa-Carleton is responsible for nominating nine of the thirteen members of the Ottawa Carleton Housing (OCH) Board of Directors, the remaining four being federal nominations. At its meeting of 11 March 1998, Council approved the nomination of five Regional Councillors to fill positions then vacant. The current terms of the remaining four Regional representatives expired in the early months of 1999 and are the subject of this report.

At its meeting of 8 July 1999, Community Services Committee approved a recommendation of the Social Housing Working Group that the next four appointments to the OCH Board be tenants resident in OCH accommodation to complement the existing membership drawn from Regional Council and the community at large. This recommendation recognizes the important and unique perspective that tenants, as key stakeholders in their housing communities, are able to bring to the decision making process.

OCH has implemented a rigorous process to select tenant Board nominees. Through a process of soliciting candidates, reviewing their community participation credentials and conducting interviews for suitability, OCH confirmed and submitted to the Region, the names and resumes of four tenants who would bring to the Board considerable experience and a proven commitment to their own communities and to the Corporation as a whole. Since the conclusion of that process one tenant nominee has indicated her intent to leave OCH at lease end, therefore making her ineligible for Board appointment. The remaining three tenant nominees are identified above. OCH will submit to the Region the name and resumé of a fourth tenant Board nominee following implementation of the same selection process in the early fall. Details of this process as well as supporting tenant documentation are on file with the Regional Clerk.

Regional nominations for the OCH Board will be sent, together with supporting documentation, to the Appointments Adviser, Ontario Housing Corporation Supports Branch, who will effect the appointments by Provincial Orders in Council.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

No public consultation is considered to be required for this report.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Approved by Mary Jo Woollam

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