



## **NORTH END COMMUNITY RENEWAL CORPORATION**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Norquay School (132 Lusted Avenue)  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

### **CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **LARRY KINNEAR (Nominee-Resident Sector)**

Born, raised, and educated in Winnipeg's North End, Larry Kinnear is a home-owner, parent, and volunteer inspector with the Tennant Landlord Cooperation (TLC) Program. He is a founding member of the Dufferin Residents Association of Winnipeg (DRAW). Larry is active in areas concerning improvement in the North End.

*"I feel that the future of the community needs to be secured for our children and grandchildren. If I don't do what I can today then it will be even harder for future generations. Working with NECRC would be a very productive way to secure and improve our collective future."*

#### **MONSIGNOR MICHAEL BUYACHOK (Incumbent-Religious & Fraternal Sector)**

Reverend Monsignor Michael was born in Strasburg France in 1939, and immigrated to the North End of Winnipeg in 1948. He attended priestly studies in Rome Italy, and was ordained to the Priesthood in Winnipeg in 1969. Since then he has served in various parishes throughout Manitoba, and is currently the Rector of the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Vladimir and Olga on McGregor Street. In his almost 40 years of ministry, Reverend Monsignor Michael has served on numerous municipal and national committees and Boards. His involvement on the Board of Directors stems from his belief that:

*“NECRC reaches out to all the people in our community which is a rich mosaic of cultures, serving the needs of those most in need. As a clergy, much of the work NECRC is involved in is also part of my ministry. I believe that the NECRC with all its affiliates is reaching out to the residents of our community in the very wide range of its needs. Building community together for a better life for everyone should be key, and I believe that NECRC is working very hard to make that happen.”*

**GARY SWANSON (Incumbent-Labour Sector)**

Gary is the current Labour Sector incumbent on the NECRC Board of Directors representing CUPE Local 500. Gary has worked with the City of Winnipeg for 28 years of which, the last 10 years were in the area of community development. He has been with CUPE Local 500 since 1986. He recently served for a year as the President, and currently remains on the Executive of the Board. He is of Métis background and is actively involved with Aboriginal concerns in the Union. As a member of the NECRC Board, he hopes to make life better for people in the North End by promoting safer streets and a better image through community development.

**LEVETT DEMCHUK (Incumbent-Resident Sector)**

Levett has been chair of the William Whyte Resident Association for the last three years. She also serves on the NA! Project Committee and as a member of the North Point Douglas Seniors Coalition. She loves gardening and assists with community gardens in the neighbourhood. She would like to continue her seat on the NECRC Board to promote safe and affordable housing, less poverty, and activities for children. She gets involved in her community with the hope she can make a difference for the better in the Neighbourhood.

**FRANCIS DUMAUA (Nominee-Cultural Sector)**

From 2003 to 2007 Francis was the President of the Filipino Seniors Group of Winnipeg (FSGW). He came to Canada 30 years ago from the Philippines. He has a long history of volunteering dating back to his homeland where he was involved in humanitarian efforts. He is interested in the expression and recognition of Filipino culture in Winnipeg. By joining the Board of NECRC, he hopes to promote the importance of celebrating culture and bring it forward in the community.

**GERALD BROWN (Incumbent-Resident Sector)**

Gerald is a current member of the Point Douglas Resident Committee (PDRC), and has been a resident of the North Point Douglas neighbourhood for 24 years. Gerald was the past chair of the PDRC and Norquay Community Centre, and continues to be an active participant for renewal in his community. He is a self-employed building contractor and is interested in housing renewal in the North End of Winnipeg. By participating on the NECRC Board of Directors he hopes to continue to bring forward good ideas for renewal throughout the North End of Winnipeg.