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CARAS MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH 5:00 PM

MORTON HOUSE REPORT

The house has been relatively quiet. We had a temporary resident in until Christmas. It was hoped that he would eventually agree to stay and live on permanently at the house. Unfortunately, his personal problems are almost insurmountable at this time, and he is now under professional medical supervision. The Residence Committee does not feel an application from him at this time would be appropriate.

Meanwhile, two men have expressed an interest over the last week in moving in to Morton House. Those interview processes are underway.

Re: the Incorporation. Randy Duplak is in the process of finalizing and legalizing a 'society' name for the organization that will oversee the operation of Morton House.

Our bookkeeper, Daniel Borg, has moved to Libya. Thanks to CARAS for a good send-off last Friday evening at Morton House. In terms of Daniel's vacancy, I would move that we hold off appointing someone new to fill the position at this time. Because of the imminent incorporation of the House, I would like to see someone in that position who will eventually be on the new Board of Directors. Obviously, that person should be highly-recognized in the corporate community in order to add financial and image strength to our organization, ie: partner in an accounting firm, CFO, or, at the very least, a Chartered Accountant. I ask that Brian Mott handle the books for the interim if possible, or, if Theo is interested, he could act as temporary bookkeeper.

I also want to speak on the issue of Nelson Hubley's resignation letter contained in the last CARAS minutes. I strongly urge that CARAS not accept it. The 'miswording' in the minutes at issue is by no means solely the fault of the Secretary - the committee as a whole must take responsibility. Let's put that behind us and move on. Nelson, we need you.

That's about it for now. Sorry I could not make the CARAS meeting today, but an historic meeting between the Boards of AIDS NOVA SCOTIA and the PERSONS WITH AIDS COALITION is also taking place. Because of my Advisory Board status with PWAC and the significance of the meeting, I hope you will understand my decision to attend the joint meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Bowen

Chair

Morton House

12 November 1991

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CARAS BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1991

MORTON HOUSE RESIDENCE COMMITTEE - REPORT

Monday, October 21st, one of the residents, MICHAEL LaCOURCIERE, passed away at Morton House. He died surrounded by 'the team' of caregivers organized the previous month on his behalf. A special thanks goes to Joanne Martell of the Residence Committee and Brian Callaghan of the Nova Scotia Persons with AIDS Coalition for spearheading 'the team'. Their commitment and organization is to be highly commended. The team effort was a true sign of total community involvement - an amazing process for those involved.

A memorial service for Michael was held on Sunday, November 3rd. And, tonight, on ATV'S LIVE AT 5, Nancy Regan presents the mini-documentary entitled 'Gradle of Caring' - the story of Michael and his team. Nancy produced the nine-minute piece while spending almost two days at the house in mid-October. The item includes very enlightening, poignant, and informative interviews with Michael, his family and the caregivers.

Now, we have only two residents. Things have been quiet since Michael's passing. Dr. Bob Fredrickson donated a new freezer to the house recently. Now advance meal preparation and storage for those unable to cook for themselves will be easier and more convenient.

That's about it for now.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Bowen Chairman Morton House