

Message from CEO Robert Byers



As we move towards wrapping up another busy year at Namerind, I want to thank all of the dedicated partners that we've worked with on projects – both ongoing and new – over the course of 2014. As you've read about in our recent newsletters, we've been able to provide homes to young families starting out through our partnership with Kids First Regina, provide a safe and supportive environment for new mothers recovering from addiction through our involvement with the Raising Hope: Moving Families Forward program, and of course continue to provide safe, affordable housing to all of our Namerind tenants.

I am also thrilled that our mixed-use development project aimed at providing housing and much needed services to downtown Regina continues to progress through the planning stage. In this issue, you will hear from Sean Hamelin, District Manager of PCL Construction Management Inc., another important member of our project team. We continue to have the good fortune to work with some of Saskatchewan's most talented professionals who have become a critical complement to our team at Namerind.

As always, should you have any questions about our projects or the content of this newsletter, I invite you to contact our office or drop by anytime. You can learn more by visiting our website at www.namerindhousing.ca.

Recent Announcements

Namerind's Annual Family Day: A Celebration of our Tenant Families



Due to a record rainfall this year, Namerind's annual Family Day was moved later in the year to August 15th. With the sun shining and the rain forgotten, it was a wonderful opportunity for Namerind staff to get together with tenant families for an annual bar-b-que.

While Namerind staff manned the bar-b-ques, families enjoyed soccer, badminton and other games as they got to know each other better and strengthened the family bonds within the Namerind community.

With over 100 people in attendance, as these photos show, it was another memorable event, giving Namerind staff the chance to thank all of the tenants and contractors that they work with throughout the year.



Ask the Expert



Sean Hamelin is the District Manager of PCL Construction Management, a company in their 108th year of operation in Saskatchewan. He is one of the construction consultants on Namerind's proposed Lorne Street Development project.

Q: What types of projects does PCL Construction Management typically undertake?

A: We work on various commercial, industrial and civil construction projects, both in and outside of Regina. For example, we are currently involved in building the new Rough Riders stadium and we have also built numerous shopping malls, hospitals, bridges, office buildings, airports and other projects.

Q: What is your role in working with Namerind on the Lorne Street Development in Regina?

A: We were brought in to provide guidance and experience to help with the technical side of building the development. We have been working with Namerind and the rest of the members of the project team over the last three years, providing budget estimates, construction

schedules and information on the constructability of the proposal. During this proposal and planning phase, we have provided information on the sequence of events for construction as well as costs, schedules and monthly projections.

Q: What has been your experience in working with the team at Namerind?

A: It's been a great collaboration. Namerind is an extremely organized, professional and dedicated group. Any time you have a chance to work on a project like this that will make a difference for so many people, it's a real pleasure and a rare opportunity. We're very excited to be a part of the team and to be able to provide our expertise to help build something that is so meaningful to our community.

For more information on PCL and their work, please visit www.pcl.com

Meet our Staff



Name:

Robert Byers, President and CEO

Describe a typical day for you at Namerind:

A day for me might include anything from meetings with partners or government officials to participating in staff training and planning sessions to managing the day to day work on our various projects and social enterprises. As President and CEO, it's my job to ensure that everything keeps running smoothly while always looking to the future and thinking about how we can work smarter and do better. Part of my job is sourcing new partnerships and finding ways of diversifying our revenue streams in order to invest profits from all of our projects back into affordable housing. Each year we move closer to our goal of being a self-sustaining organization and that's something we're all very proud of.

What is your favourite thing about working at Namerind?

I know it's a common answer but certainly the people. The team that I work with every day, both in our office and out in our community, are truly talented, experienced and committed people. This job is ever-changing and it's often a learning experience for me, which keeps every day fresh even after all these years. I take pride in the fact that our work provides so much support to those in our community and that we've taken a meaningful approach to sustaining the environment around us and preserving it for generations to come.

Outside of work, what are some of your favourite ways to spend time?

I always enjoy spending time with my two sons and the rest of my family. I'm a grandfather now and that gives me great joy. When I have the time, I like to travel and I enjoy art – for the past year, I've had the pleasure of being a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina.

Robert has been part of the Namerind team for over 9 years.

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