

Message from CEO Robert Byers



As we welcome another busy Spring season at Namerind, our team is hard at work providing maintenance to all of our homes and properties, and our Grounds Guys franchise team is out in full force ensuring that all the landscaping is turned over for the new season. Spring is always a time of renewal, and many of our social enterprise projects are growing and expanding this year.

For example, you will read in this issue of our newsletter about the recent expansion of our Winnipeg Street pharmacy, which now has more capacity to serve our community. We have also entered into a new area of our social enterprise portfolio by taking over the management of 81 affordable townhouses and a commercial space in Regina. We will have a number of exciting announcements about our upcoming development project on the Lorne Street site that we've spoken about in previous newsletters.

We look forward to our annual Family Day Picnic on Friday, June 26th and sharing the events and images with you in our next newsletter. Stay tuned to our July issue of Namerind News for more on Family Day and our other community building endeavours.

Wishing you all a warm and happy Spring,

Robert Byers

Recent Announcements

Namerind Expands Social Enterprise Portfolio in Regina



Recently, Namerind forged a new division of its social enterprise portfolio, taking over management of 81 townhouses owned by the **Transcona Park Housing Association**. Namerind will be responsible for all aspects of property management from rent collection to maintenance, going forward.

"The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and Transcona approached us to share our expertise and to improve the quality of life for tenants in these homes," said Namerind President and CEO Robert Byers. "Our

contractors are already hard at work updating and renovating several of these homes for families to enjoy."

Namerind now manages over 300 residential homes and 14 commercial units, including the Winnipeg Street Mall, which houses the Namerind-owned Winnipeg Street Pharmacy.



"This is an exciting new venture for Namerind as we strive to become the landlord of choice for affordable

housing in Regina," said Namerind President and CEO Robert Byers, "We look forward to serving these new tenants with the same dedication and high level of customer service that all Namerind tenants have come to expect."

All revenues collected as part of this venture will be reinvested by Namerind into affordable housing in Regina as part of their broader sustainability strategy.



We're Moving!

Namerind Expands Head Office to New Space on Winnipeg Street



As our organization has grown over the past few years, we have realized the need for a larger head office space. The Winnipeg Street Mall was one of our first social enterprise ventures and is the perfect space for us to locate our new expanded offices. The new office space, approximately 5600 square feet in size, is located at 1130 Winnipeg Street, across the street from our current office.

The new office will include a wellness area for our staff, as well as expanded office and cubicle space to accommodate our growing team, as well as account for continued growth over the next few years. Over the past 10 years, Namerind's staff has gone from 6 staff members to 20 full-time and 3 part-time staff members.

As part of our expansion, we have also increased our capacity to serve people at our Winnipeg Street Pharmacy, with the hiring of an additional part-time pharmacy tech. Prescription demand has increased substantially over the last year and this new hire will allow us to serve our customers better.

Our pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Construction has already begun on our new office space, and is scheduled to be completed in September 2015. Please feel free to stop in anytime!

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Meet our Staff



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Muhammed Kaukab, Assistant Controller

Describe a typical day for you at Namerind:

My role at Namerind consists of various projects in which I support Ray, our Controller. Much of my role is centered around bookkeeping and financial management of Namerind's various business streams, whether our core affordable housing or our social enterprise projects. I often assist with legal affairs and compliance as well and work on accounting for our businesses.

What is your favourite thing about working at Namerind?

I have been so impressed by the openness of this organization. Namerind has an extremely professional but open and supportive environment. Staff are frank with each other and share their thoughts and ideas – there is a lot of communication between colleagues. Coming to work is a sort of joy for the people who work at Namerind. Though people do have daily pressures in their individual roles, the environment is not a stressful one. The Management is also very supportive of the entire staff. Namerind has proven to be an uplifting organization to work for and I am very much looking forward to the many learning experiences from several upcoming projects. The learning never stops here and the work is very rewarding. We have the opportunity to come in every day and do meaningful work that supports our community.

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

Outside of work, I spend most of my time with my three kids – 2 sons and a daughter. We spend as much time as possible outside and have a lot of fun together, whether at the park or just running errands. I moved to Canada in October of 2013 and settled in Regina, so am taking my Certified Public Accountant exams this June. I usually study late in the evenings or early in the morning when my kids are asleep so that I can spend as much time with them as possible.

Muhammed has been part of the Namerind team for six months.