Hamilton

RENTAL HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 18-003

Thursday September 27, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
Hamilton City Hall

Present:	Councillor T. Whitehead (Chair) Councillor A. Johnson
Also Present:	J. Aird, Citizen-At-Large S. Bertolo, McMaster University Students Union J. Hawker, Citizen-At-Large L. Huibers, Housing Help Centre P. Martindale, Independent Member C. Michael Ollier, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic A. Pathak, Hamilton & District Apartment Association W. Stewart, Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington N. Warren, Citizen-At-Large
Absent with Regrets:	Councillors D. Conley – City Business

THE RENTAL HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 18-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Rental Licensing By-Law and Pilot Project (Item 8.1)

(a) That Licensing and By-law Services staff in consultation with Legal Services, bring forward a Licensing By-law for rental business operators to implement a rental licensing pilot project in Wards 1 and 8,

(b) That the Licensing By-Law be subject to the approval of staffing levels and that the rental licensing pilot project commence in the first quarter 2019, and for a two year period; and

(c) That a report respecting the implementation of a rental licensing pilot project in Wards 1 and 8 be brought to a future meeting of the Planning Committee, and include:

(i) An education component for landlords and tenants; and

(ii) Consideration of financial off-sets for tenants impacted by a rental increase due to the licensing

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised the Committee that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the September 27, 2018 meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) June 26, 2018 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Mike Wood, Hamilton ACORN, respecting rental housing issues in Hamilton (for today's meeting) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request from Mike Wood, Hamilton ACORN, respecting respecting rental housing issues in Hamilton, was approved, for today's meeting.

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Mike Wood, Hamilton ACORN, , respecting rental housing issues in Hamilton (Added Item 6.1)

Mike Wood, Hamilton ACORN, addressed the Committee respecting rental housing issues in Hamilton, with the aid of a handout. A copy of the handout has been included in the official record.

The delegation from Mike Wood, Hamilton ACORN, respecting rental housing issues in Hamilton, was received.

The handout is available at www.hamilton.ca

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Update Rental Housing Licensing Reports and Feasibility of Conducting a Pilot Project Wards 1 and 8 (PED10049(aa)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Jim Gordon, Licensing Compliance Officer, addressed the Committee with an overview of Report PED10049(aa), respecting an Update Rental Housing Licensing Reports and Feasibility of Conducting a Pilot Project Wards 1 and 8, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

The presentation respecting an Update Rental Housing Licensing Reports and Feasibility of Conducting a Pilot Project Wards 1 and 8 (PED10049(aa)), was received.

Report PED10049(aa), respecting an Update Rental Housing Licensing Reports and Feasibility of Conducting a Pilot Project Wards 1 and 8, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item13)

There being no further business, that the Rental Housing Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Rental Housing Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar
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