



City of Hamilton

PLANNING COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-001
Date: January 14, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Lisa Chamberlain, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4605

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Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, January 9, 2020 - 1:22 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Nicole Smith

Name of Organization: Kumon Hamilton West End

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Respecting 11.1 Property Standards By-law - Rental Properties and Apartments

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Tenants Have the Right to Clean, Warm Homes

Basic Premise

“Maintenance and Repairs - A Guide for Tenants

Every tenant has the right to a home that is well maintained, in a building that is clean and safe.”

From <https://settlement.org/ontario/housing/rent-a-home/tenant-rights-and-responsibilities/maintenance-and-repairs-a-guide-for-tenants/>

What are my rights as a tenant?

‘A Safe Home: Your home must be safe and in good repair. This is true even if you knew about the problems before you agreed to rent the home.

‘Vital Services: You must have access to heat, hot and cold water, electricity, and fuel (such as natural gas). Your landlord cannot shut-off these services, even if you have not paid your rent. Your landlord may shut-off services for a short time so that they can make repairs. Your landlord might pay for vital services; or you might pay for them.

‘Heat: Your landlord must heat your home from September 1 to June 15. The landlord has to make sure the heat is at 20°C or more. Some cities have a higher heat standard.’

Considerations for Climate Change

Central Air: If your rental unit has central air conditioning, your landlord may be required by your municipality to maintain a maximum temperature of not more than 26°C between June and September.

In consideration of the fact that science projects that in a few years there will probably be many more days when it is unbearably hot, bylaws must take these changes in climate into account to ensure that tenants are protected from illness or even death due to excessive heat.

Cockroaches, mice, or other pests

If you have a problem with cockroaches, bedbugs, mice, or other pests, your landlord must take steps to get rid of them and to stop them from getting in.

Homeowners Have Enormous Privilege

I am a homeowner.

Landlords are homeowners.

Tenants cannot enjoy all the privileges of privacy, spaciousness, etc that homeowners take for granted.

The very least landlords need to ensure is that all of their basic rights are fully respected and supported.

Climate Change is Only One Reason for New Bylaws

Everything changes over time in our society.

Bylaws that govern the ability to enforce tenants' rights to the most basic needs of safe, clean, pest-free apartments with all necessary appliances in good working order at a comfortable living temperature all year are essential to ensure tenants are not subjected to unreasonable suffering and unable to get bylaw officers to assist them in enforcing compliance.

Thank you Hamilton ACORN!

Thanks to Mike Wood and Olivia O'Connor for tireless advocacy.

Thanks to Councillor Whitehead for advancing this motion.

Thanks to Councillor Nann for all her work on these matters.

Thanks to the Mayor and all other councillors for everything you do to ensure Hamiltonians can live safely and well.

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Sunday, January 12, 2020 - 6:20 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Mike Wood

Name of Organization: Hamilton ACORN

Contact Number:

Email Address: hamilton@acorncanada.org

Mailing Address: 1031 Barton St E

Reason(s) for delegation request: Councillor Whitehead's motion for property standard bylaw review.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Sunday, January 12, 2020 - 6:23 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Dayna Sparkes

Name of Organization: Hamilton ACORN

Contact Number:

Email Address: hamilton@acorncanada.org

Mailing Address: 1031 Barton St E

Reason(s) for delegation request: Property standards review motion.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Sunday, January 12, 2020 - 6:23 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Brenda Mills

Name of Organization: Hamilton ACORN

Contact Number:

Email Address: hamilton@acorncanada.org

Mailing Address: 1031 Barton St E

Reason(s) for delegation request: Property standards review motion.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted Monday, January 13, 2020 - 10:45 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Veronica Gonzalez

Name of Organization: Hamilton ACORN

Contact Number:

Email Address: hamilton@acorncanada.org

Mailing Address: 1031 Barton St E

Reason(s) for delegation request: Property standard review motion.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, January 13, 2020 - 12:10 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Sarah Jama

Name of Organization: Disability Justice Network of Ontario

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: 423 King Street East

Reason(s) for delegation request: Property Standards
By-law – Rental Properties and Apartments

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No