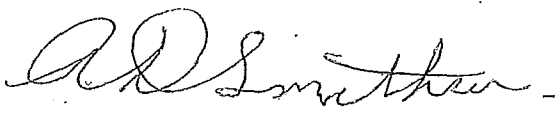




Hamilton

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT 5.9

To:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
From:	Ron D. Smithson, Chair Seniors Advisory Committee 
Date:	December 10, 2012
Re:	Regulation of Rental Housing (SAC12003)

Recommendation:

(a) That the Seniors Advisory Committee for the City of Hamilton supports, in principle, approving the Regulation of Rental Housing as outlined in Report PED10049(h) Regulation of Rental Housing, dated September 18, 2012 to the Chair & Members of the Planning Committee and respectfully requests that the Planning Committee and Council consider the negative consequences to seniors living on a fixed income.

(b) That it be noted that the Seniors Advisory Committee is concerned that the proposed regulation could result in less rental accommodation and increased rental rates. In order to comply with the new bylaw, landlords will be faced with renovation costs and will incur costs for fire, hydro, building inspections and ongoing registration fees. These costs will be passed on to tenants in the form of increased rents. The proposed regulation will impact the affordability and availability of housing for seniors living on a fixed income.

Background:

At their December 7, 2012 meeting, the Seniors Advisory Committee discussed Report PED10049(h) Regulation of Rental Housing, dated September 18, 2012 to the Chair and Members of the Planning Committee.

While the Seniors Advisory Committee supports the report, in principle, they have concerns regarding the impact this may have on seniors living on a fixed income.

cc. Chair & Members – Emergency & Community Services Committee