

REQUEST TO SPEAK TO A COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

If your request is for a specific committee meeting, this form must be received by NOON the day before the scheduled committee meeting. Requests for Monday meetings must be received by NOON the Friday before the meeting. Requests for meetings scheduled for the day after a statutory holiday must be received by NOON the last business day before the meeting. For summer meeting requests (July/August), please contact the City Clerk's Office at 905 546-4408 for further information.

Committee Requested

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit, Finance and Administration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Issues |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency & Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory/Sub-Committee (enter name) _____ | |

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Requestor Information

Name: Shawn Comer

Name of Organization: _____

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L8P4R3

Reason(s) for delegation request: To discuss a new
approach to dealing with pests in rental units
my problems with roaches and my new landlord
creating a registry / fund and fee system
that could help make treatment more effective

Will you be requesting funding from the City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you or your organization represent a lobbyist ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, to the lobbyist question, who are you representing? _____

(The information collected for the Lobbyist registry system was implemented by City Council in 2004 and information provided is on a voluntary basis)

Requests to speak to Council are forwarded to the Committee and will be placed on a Committee agenda for consideration. Once considered by Committee, and approved, you will be notified of the date for your presentation.

This form is not for the purpose of presenting unsolicited proposals by Vendors to Committee. Such proposals are subject to a competitive process as required by the City's Purchasing Policy.

The City makes a video record of Committee and Council meetings. If you make a presentation to a Committee, the City will be video recording you and will be make the recording public by publishing the recording on the City's website.

Personal information collected on this form is authorized under Section 5.11 of the City's Procedural By-law No. 10-053 for the purpose of contacting individuals and/or organizations requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before a Committee and will be published with the Committee Agenda. The Voluntary Lobbyist Registry is a public document and will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's office. The Procedural By-law is a requirement of Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act. Questions about its collection can be directed to the Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk, 71 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5, 905 546-2424 ext. 4304.

November 25th 2013

To: Christopher Newman

I would like to request to speak to Hamilton City Council with my 84 year old mother Ruth Comer, about the same issue as before. I would like to add to suggestions to my previous plan.

I would like to show after many sprayings that I still have a cockroach problem because my landlord refuses to properly seal then treat ~~the~~ my apartment.

I believe that if a property doesn't snow shovel ^{their} ~~the~~ walk (public) the city has the power to clean the public walk in the name of public safety and charge a fee.

I suggest that perhaps with rented apartments be subject to similar protection in regards to pest infestation and be sealed properly

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If a landlord is only required to do spraying after spraying and there still is a pest problem, they need to be compelled to do it with caulking and foam sealant in old cupboards and vanities, baseboards, and doorways.

If the City of Hamilton had a team of professional crews who would caulk and seal apts then perhaps numerous sprayings wouldn't be needed. I don't see how adding this to ~~structure~~ more effectively treat a infected apartment could possibly hurt.

In my last meeting with council on last Sept 16th 2013 I was told that the spraying doesn't work well and that there are a lot of repeat problems in the same apartments

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I'm hoping Council will consider making a by law to protect tenants better as it's obvious to me the problem has been dealt ~~with~~ ^{where} only the spraying and baiting are a requirement right now. Most Landlords are not sealing their rental units because they don't have to by law.

And the Public Health inspector and property standards officer can not order them to caulk and seal apartments, right now or it would be done.

I suggest just like snow shoveling the city be allowed to step in and help improve conditions of rental units and tenants alike.

I would like to hear what system could be improved or changed to allow a better approach to the pest infestation in Hamilton Rental Units.

I suggested in my last meeting that for a small fee on each rentable unit a registry and fund be set up for this exact same problem.

If the old approach isn't working well we need a new or better one.

Right now there is nothing for me or the 50 other persons who are being blamed as the cause of this by my New Landlord (Skyline MGMT)

Homestead was my last landlord of the same building and rental unit.

Sincerely
Shawn Comer