



CITY OF HAMILTON
COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
Housing Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 15, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Tenant Advisory Committee 2015 Budget Submission (CES14056) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2015 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES14056 in the amount of \$1,000 be approved and referred to the 2015 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tenant Advisory Committee as a Volunteer Committee, appointed by Council, has prepared their 2015 Budget request for approval. The Committee is requesting \$1,000 to cover monthly meeting expenses, community events and registration costs for workshops and forums for committee members. This budget request is the same as the 2014 Tenant Advisory Committee Budget request.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

It is recommended that \$300 be allocated to the monthly meeting expenses and \$700 to community events and registration costs for workshops and forums for members of the Committee.

Staffing:

Community & Emergency Services, Housing Services Division staff will continue to act as staff liaisons to the Tenant Advisory Committee.

Legal:

There are no legal implications to Report CES14056.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC) is a volunteer citizen committee established by Council on May 28, 2003. TAC was established based on discussions with the community in recognition of the unique issues pertaining to tenants that could not be adequately addressed in existing housing forums. TAC informs Council (through the Emergency and Community Services Standing Committee) of issues and/or policies that impact tenants.

The objectives of the Tenant Advisory Committee include:

1. To identify systemic and policy issues facing tenants and provide advice and recommendations to the City regarding these matters.
2. To advocate for and provide recommendations to the City on policy issues affecting tenants that require further action with the municipal, provincial and federal governments.
3. To develop strategies for information dissemination and education to tenants regarding tenant issues including legal rights and obligations of tenants.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

There are no policy implications to Report CES14056.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Tenant Advisory Committee members were consulted on June 5, 2014, and concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

The requested budget amount is intended to cover two main sets of expenses:

- 1) Committee's monthly meeting expenses for 2015;
- 2) Supporting community events and registration costs for workshops and forums.

The rationale for the amount is that the Committee would like to develop their knowledge and understanding of broader tenant issues through local special events and workshops which often have a registration fee.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

There are no alternatives for Report CES14056.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority #1

A Prosperous & Healthy Community

WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.

Strategic Objective

- 1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A to Report CES14056: Tenant Advisory Committee 2015 Budget Submission