



Hamilton

TENANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday December 4th, 2014
11:30 – 1:30 pm
Boardroom – 350 King Street, Hamilton

Present: Connie Bellamy (Chair), Marie Raftis, John Hawker, Larry Husack ,
Don Britton, Andy Cranbury

Regrets: Laura Ryan

Also Present: Janet Surmanski, Dave Brodati

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Connie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Marie Raftis, seconded by Don Britton that the minutes of July 3rd 2014 be approved.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6) INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM EXTENSION

Dave Brodati advised that the Province announced an extension to March 31 2020. The extension offers funding for the Home Ownership Program, Ontario Renovates, construction for new rental housing and housing allowances.

7) UPDATES

Housing and Homelessness Planning Group

Dave advised that he will share the minutes of the Housing and Homelessness Planning Group at the next TAC meeting. At the last meeting of this group, there was discussion about an assessment tool which can help to determine the risk of homelessness on an individual case basis. The City has endorsed staff to implement the tool as part of the Homelessness Partnership Strategy and the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative.

Dave provided an update on the bed bug action strategy, which includes a new staff position for a bed bug navigator who has been working with vulnerable people and assisting them with funding applications through the Housing Help Center.

National Housing Day

Don Britton circulated a written summary on the panel discussions at National Housing Day. He highlighted the main areas of interest and asked Janet to e-mail the document to the TAC members.

Other Updates

H.O.P.E had a rally in Hamilton in October called "Chew on This" in support of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

2015 Workplan

The workplan will be on the agenda for the first TAC meeting in 2015.

8) OTHER BUSINESS

Andy Cranbury announced that he will no longer be attending TAC meetings in the future. The committee thanked him for his contributions to TAC during his membership.

9) NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by John Hawker, seconded by Marie Raftis and carried that the meeting be adjourned.