



Hamilton

TENANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday March 12th, 2015
12:00 – 2:00 pm
Boardroom – 350 King Street, Hamilton

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

Regrets: Laura Ryan

Also Present: Dave Brodati, Janet Surmanski

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

The committee reviewed the minutes of February 12th, 2015. It was moved by Marie Raftis, seconded by Don Britton and carried that the minutes of February 12th, 2015 be approved.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6) LETTER OF APPRECIATION – ANDY CRANBURY

A card was circulated for Andy Cranbury, a past TAC member and president.

7) 20,000 HOMES CAMPAIGN – GREG WITT

Greg Witt, Social Policy Analyst circulated a program outline on the 20,000 Homes Campaign, which is set to launch in Hamilton later in April of this year. The campaign will focus on the homeless population in which community volunteers will be involved in surveying homeless individuals about their health and housing needs. This campaign is part of a national movement of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

TAC members indicated their interest and support for the 20,000 Homes Campaign, by completing the volunteer forms.

8) 2015 WORKPLAN

A discussion regarding the 2015 work plan resulted in the following priority areas:

Tenant outreach and education
Absentee landlords and quality of housing
Proactive Enforcement and Licensing
Condo Conversions

There was a brief discussion about the report writing process and the staff role in this process. Information on this issue will be brought back to TAC for further discussion.

9) VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COMMITTEES – CONSULTATION

Dave read an e-mail from City Clerks regarding a review of the volunteer committees. The reviews will take place at a committee meeting in the near future, with a staff from the Clerks department. It was moved by Don Britton seconded by Larry Husack and carried that TAC participate in the review at the April TAC meeting.

10) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Marie Raftis, seconded by Don Britton and carried that the meeting adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015.