



Hamilton

TENANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday April 9th, 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 March 9th, 2015. It was moved by John Hawker, seconded by Marie Raftis and carried that the minutes of March 9th, 2015 be approved.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6) VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTATION

Connie welcomed Janet Pilon, deputy city clerk and Mark Weingartner. Janet Pilon advised that the City Clerks department have been directed by Council to review all volunteer committees through consultations. The committee provided information on the mandate, and answered questions regarding the strengths of the committee work.

7) THE CHANGING RENTAL MARKET

Kirstin Maxwell presented a summary of the CMHC data concerning the rental housing market in Hamilton. Overall vacancies in the rental market have decreased over the last few years, while rents have generally increased above the allowable provincial guideline. In the future it will be important to increase the housing supply, retain the existing rental housing stock and ensure that the rents remain affordable for tenants.

8) 2015 WORKPLAN

A discussion regarding several possible priorities for the 2015 Workplan including:

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

There was a brief discussion about the large scope and complexity of each issue, and the limited timeframe available for future meetings. The committee determined by a vote that the area of highest priority is tenant outreach and education.

9) ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

It was moved by Marie Raftis, seconded by John Hawker and carried that the meeting adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2015.