



Hamilton

**RENTAL HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 17-001**

**Monday, January 30, 2017**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Room 264, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Hamilton City Hall**

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**Present:** Councillor Green (Chair)  
Councillor A. Johnson and T. Whitehead

**Also Present:** R. Anderson, Mohawk Students' Association  
N. Bucalo, Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington  
S. Calverley, Citizen-At-Large  
J. Hawker, Citizen-At-Large  
L. Huibers, Housing Help Centre  
P. Martindale, Independent Member  
A. Pathak, Hamilton & District Apartment Association  
N. Warren, Citizen-At-Large  
R. Wetselaar (Vice Chair), Social Planning & Research Council of Hamilton

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**THE RENTAL HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-001 TO  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Rental Housing Enforcement Pilot/Voluntary Registry Program (PED10049(t)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED10049(t), respecting a Rental Housing Enforcement Pilot/Voluntary Registry Program, be received.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Committee joined in a moment of silence to recognize the attack on a Muslim mosque in Quebec City.

**(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised the Committee of the following changes:

**1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)**

4.1 Mike, Acorn Canada, respecting Landlord Licensing (for a future meeting)

**2. ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 10)**

10.1 Rental Housing Voluntary Registry Program

The agenda for the January 30, 2017 meeting be approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(i) September 15, 2016 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of September 15, 2016 meeting were approved, as presented.

**(d) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)**

**(i) Mike, Acorn Canada, respecting Landlord Licensing (for a future meeting) (Added Item 4.1)**

The delegation from Mike, Acorn Canada, respecting Landlord Licensing, was approved for a future meeting.

**(e) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 8)**

**(i) Rental Housing Enforcement Pilot/Voluntary Registry Program (PED10049(t)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

Kerry Davren, Manager of Parking Operations and Initiatives, addressed the Committee with an overview of Report PED10049(t), respecting a Rental Housing Enforcement Pilot/Voluntary Registry Program.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(f) MOTION (Item 9)**

**(i) Rental Housing Voluntary Registry Program (Added Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS, The Neighbourhood Residential Rental Housing Community Liaison Committee – Rental Registry Program/Voluntary Certification Program Report (PED10049(a)) (Wards 1 and 8) dated May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, recommended:

- (b) That staff be directed to defer any work regarding a formal Rental Housing Registry Program until the conclusion of the 18 month Pilot Proactive By-law Enforcement Program in 2012.

WHEREAS, The Pilot Proactive Bylaw Enforcement Program ended in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The Rental Housing Sub-Committee mandate is to make recommendations to Council on the best method to ensure public safety and consumer protection with the least impact on the citizens of Hamilton,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to meet with the Voluntary Landlord Registry Report Working Group to prepare a Rental Housing Voluntary Registry model for consideration including full costing and staffing requirements; and
- (b) That the Voluntary Landlord Registry Report Working Group report back to the Rental Housing Sub-Committee at its next meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The above motion was APPROVED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: A. Johnson, Green, Anderson, Calverley, Ollier, Bucalo,  
Wetselaar  
Total: 7  
Nays: Whitehead, Hawker, Huibers, Pathak, Warren  
Total: 5  
Absent: Martindale  
Total: 1

**(g) NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 10)**

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Rental Housing Voluntary Registry Program (Added Item 10.1)**

WHEREAS, The Neighbourhood Residential Rental Housing Community Liaison Committee – Rental Registry Program/Voluntary Certification Program Report (PED10049(a)) (Wards 1 and 8) dated May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, recommended:

- (b) *That staff be directed to defer any work regarding a formal Rental Housing Registry Program until the conclusion of the 18 month Pilot Proactive By-law Enforcement Program in 2012.*

WHEREAS, The Pilot Proactive Bylaw Enforcement Program ended in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The Rental Housing Sub-Committee mandate is to make recommendations to Council on the best method to ensure public safety and consumer protection with the least impact on the citizens of Hamilton,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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- (b) That the Voluntary Landlord Registry Report Working Group report back to the Rental Housing Sub-Committee at its next meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Rental Housing Voluntary Registry Program.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Items (f)(i).

**(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

The following Items were marked as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item B, Rental Housing Enforcement Pilot / Voluntary Registry (PED10049(s)) (City Wide) (June 23, 2016, Item 8.1)

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 13)**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Green, Chair  
Rental Housing Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk