

# RENTAL HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES 17-003

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:30 p.m. Room 264, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hamilton City Hall

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**Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair)

Councillor A. Johnson and D. Conley

Also Present: R. Deshpande, McMaster Student Union

S. Bertolo, McMaster Student Union

S. Calverley, Citizen-At-Large

J. Hawker, Citizen-At-Large L. Huibers, Housing Help Centre

P. Martindale, Independent Member

C. Michael Ollier, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic A. Pathak, Hamilton & District Apartment Association

M. Platts, Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington

N. Warren, Citizen-At-Large

**Absent with** 

**Regrets:** R. Wetselaar, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

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## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Licensing of Rental Units (PED10049(v))(City Wide) (Item 8.1)

#### (Huibers/Hawker)

That the Licensing and By-Law Services Division hire a full time Project Manager from the redistribution of resources within the Licensing and By-law Services Division, for a six month period at an estimated cost of \$60,000, to provide the following:

(i) An Update of Report PED10049(h) respecting Regulation of Rental Housing;

- (ii) A comparison of municipalities and their use of regulations respecting rental housing, for inclusion in a staff report back to the Rental Housing Sub-Committee; and
- (iii) A list of municipalities for use in a future research trip respecting rental housing.

Main Motion, as Amended, CARRIED

#### 2. Rental Housing Sub-Committee Research Trip (Item 8.1)

#### (Whitehead/Conley)

That members of the Rental Housing Sub-Committee participate in a research trip with staff to visit other communities to discuss their use of regulations addressing rental housing, and the information from this research trip is to be included in a report back to the Rental Housing Sub-Committee.

**CARRIED** 

#### FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised the Committee of the following changes:

1. ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 8)

8.1(a) Written Submission from Al and Pat Ward respecting Licensing of Rental Units (PED10049(v)).

#### (Warren/Calverley)

That the agenda for the July 18, 2017 meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED** 

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

- (c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)
  - (i) April 25, 2017 (Item 3.1)

#### (Pathak/Hawker)

That the Minutes of April 25, 2017 meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

#### (d) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) John Anderson and Mike Wood, ACORN Canada, respecting Landlord Licensing (Item 6.1)

Mike Wood, ACORN Canada, addressed the Rental Housing Sub-Committee respecting Landlord Licensing and Property Inspections, with the aid of speaking notes. A copy of the speaking notes have been included in the public record, and are available for viewing through the Clerk's Office.

#### (Huibers/Hawker)

That the delegation from Mike Wood, ACORN Canada, respecting Landlord Licensing and Property Inspections, be received.

**CARRIED** 

#### (e) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 8)

(i) Licensing of Rental Units (PED10049(v))(City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Dawn Johnson, Manager, Licensing and By-law Services, addressed the Rental Housing Sub-Committee with an overview of PED100499(v) respecting Licensing of Rental Units.

#### (Huibers/Hawker)

That the recommendation in Report PED10049(v) respecting Licensing of Rental Units be deleted in its entirety, and replaced with the following:

That Licensing and By-Law Services Division hire a full time Project Manager from the redistribution of resources within the Licensing and By-law Services Division to update the staff report PED10049(h) respecting Regulation of Rental Housing, prepare the feasibility framework for a pilot project for Licensing Rental Housing for Wards 1 and 8 and municipality comparison to substantiate staff report.

That the Licensing and By-Law Services Division hire a full time Project Manager from the redistribution of resources within the Licensing and By-law Services Division, for a six month period at an estimated cost of \$60,000, to provide the following:

- (i) An Update of Report PED10049(h) respecting Regulation of Rental Housing;
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### (iii) A list of municipalities for use in a future research trip respecting rental housing.

**Amendment CARRIED** 

#### **Written Comments**

8.1(a) Written Submission from Al and Pat Ward respecting Licensing of Rental Units (PED10049(v)).

#### (Conley/Warren)

That the Written Submission from Al and Pat Ward respecting Licensing of Rental Units (PED10049(v)), be received.

**CARRIED** 

For disposition of this matter, refer to Items 1 and 2.

### (ii) Hamilton Spectator Article respecting Student Rental Housing (Item 8.2)

#### (Warren/Caverley)

That the Hamilton Spectator Article respecting Student Rental Housing, be received.

CARRIED

### (iii) CBC Article respecting City of Brampton Proposed Changes To Rules on Secondary Suites (Item 8.3)

#### (Pathak/Ollier)

That the CBC Article respecting City of Brampton Proposed Changes To Rules on Secondary Suites, be received.

**CARRIED** 

### (f) ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 13)

#### (Huibers/Calverley)

There being no further business, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m. **CARRIED** 

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair Rental Housing Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk