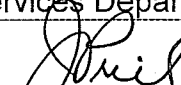




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CITY OF HAMILTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Housing Services Division

TO: Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: November 23, 2011	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Tenant Advisory Committee 2012 Budget Submission (CS11088) (City Wide)	
SUBMITTED BY: Joe-Anne Priel General Manager Community Services Department	PREPARED BY: Jennie Vengris 905-546-2424 ext. 7801 Gillian Hendry 905-546-2424 ext. 4818
SIGNATURE: 	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,000, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC) is a Volunteer Committee appointed by Council. The Committee has prepared a 2012 Budget submission for approval in the amount of \$1000. This budget request is the same as the 2011 approved budget request.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable
FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: It is recommended that \$500 of the \$1,000 total budget be allocated to monthly meeting expenses and \$500 to community events and registration costs for workshops and forums for the members of the committee.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications for Report CS11088

Legal: There are no legal implications for Report CS11088

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

The Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC) is a volunteer citizen committee established by City Council on May 28, 2003. TAC was established based on discussions with the community in recognition of the unique issues pertaining to tenants that could not be adequately addressed in existing housing forums. TAC informs Council through the Emergency and Community Services Standing Committee of issues and policies that impact tenants.

The objectives of TAC are to:

1. Identify systemic and policy issues facing tenants and provide advice and recommendations to the City regarding these matters;
2. Advocate for and provide recommendations to City Council on policy issues affecting tenants that require further action with the municipal, provincial and federal governments;
3. Develop strategies for information dissemination and education to tenants regarding tenant issues including legal rights and obligations of tenants.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for Report CS11088

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

TAC members were consulted regarding the 2012 budget on October 14, 2011 and concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The requested budget amount is intended to cover two main areas:

- 1) TAC monthly meeting expenses; and,

2) Community events and registration costs for workshops and forums.

The members of the Committee would like to develop their knowledge and understanding of broader tenant issues through local special events and workshops which often have a registration fee.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

There are no alternatives for consideration fro Report CS11088.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Social Development

- ◆ Everyone has a home they can afford that is well maintained and safe
- ◆ Residents in need have access to adequate support services
- ◆ People participate in all aspects of community life without barriers or stigma

Healthy Community

- ◆ An engaged Citizenry

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix "A" to Report CS11088 - Tenant Advisory Committee Budget Submission

CITY OF HAMILTON

2012

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION

TENANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PART A: General Information

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

John Hawker (Chair)	
Andy Cranbury	
Meaghan Ross	
Connie Bellamy	
Laura Ryan	
Larry Husack	

MANDATE:

To provide information, advise recommendations and advocacy regarding residential tenancy issues and policies that would improve the overall well-being of tenants in Hamilton.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

1. To identify systemic and policy issues facing tenants and provide advice and recommendations to the City regarding these matters.
2. To advocate for and provide recommendations to the City on policy issues affecting tenants that require further action with the municipal, provincial and federal governments.
3. To develop strategies for information dissemination and education to tenants regarding tenant issues including legal rights and obligations of tenants.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports			
1) A City of Growth and Opportunity		4) A City Where People Come First	x
2) A Great City in Which to Live	x	5) A City that Spends Wisely and Invests Strategically	
3) A Healthy, Safe and Green City	x	6) A City of Choice for High Performance Public Servants	

PART C: Budget Request**INCIDENTAL COSTS:**

Meeting costs (10) – meeting room, refreshments, photocopying, printing, parking	\$500.00
SUB TOTAL	\$500.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Supporting community events that promote information to tenants – meeting room rentals, refreshments, printing, photocopying, transportation costs	\$250.00
Registration costs for community forums/events relating to tenant issues and affordable housing	\$250.00
SUB TOTAL	\$500.00

TOTAL COSTS	\$1000.00
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Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances)	\$0
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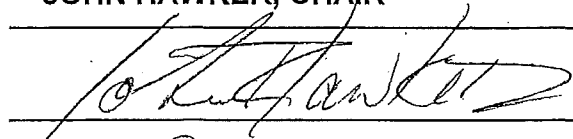
TOTAL 2012 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$1000.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2011) APPROVED BUDGET (2011 Request \$1000.00)	\$1000.00

CERTIFICATION:

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

Representative's Name: JOHN HAWKER, CHAIR

Signature:



Date:

Oct. 19 - 2011

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