

Progress Report

Neighbourhood Residential Rental Housing Community Liaison Committee Community Citizen's Report 09-001

Recommendation	Status / Follow-up Report
<p>(a) That the Neighbourhood Residential Rental Housing Community Liaison Committee's findings and results pertaining to licensing rental housing be forwarded to the City-wide Residential Rental Housing Review Community Liaison Committee for information.</p>	<p>A preliminary review was undertaken in the summer of 2009. Staff conducted three public information meetings and met with various neighbourhood, community and social support groups. As well as dropped off questionnaires at various locations. On October 6, 2009 at Economic Development and Planning Committee, staff recommended that a City-wide CLC be undertaken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Copy of Report: October 6, 2009 - Report PED07729 (e)</i> <p>On November 3, 2009 a motion was introduced at Economic Development and Planning Committee which recommended that the City-wide CLC be deferred until staff reported back on all remaining NRRHCLC recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Copy of Minutes: November 3, 2009 - Economic Development and Planning Committee Minutes 09-023 - Refer to item (p)</i>
<p>(b) That the matter of a Zoning By-law Amendment to limit the number of bedrooms and/or habitable rooms in a dwelling be referred to Zoning By-law Reform staff for further review and that consideration on the development of regulations for Ward 8 be considered for the Residential Zones in the City of Hamilton Comprehensive Zoning By-law 05-200.</p>	<p>Forwarded onto Zoning By-law Reform.</p>

(c) That staff be directed to investigate and report to Economic Development and Planning Committee with costing and an implementation plan for an 18-month proactive by-law enforcement pilot program for Wards 1 and 8 that includes:

- a focus on problem properties/landlords,
- an educational component for landlords and tenants, and
- a plan to identify properties that may be operating illegally as lodging homes and an enforcement strategy to address the matter.

Staff initially recommended hiring four (4) officers for Wards 1 & 8 for 12 months. A motion was put forth, by a member of Council which recommended that program be expanded to include Wards 1 to 8; that multi-residential buildings be included; and, that the program be 18-months in duration. On March 31, 2010 Council approved the proactive by-law enforcement program, which is known as "Project Compliance".

- *Copy of Report: March 23, 2010 - [Report PED10049](#)*

Project Compliance Updates:

- *July 5, 2010 - [Report PED10049 \(b\)](#)*
- *October 5, 2010 - [Report PED10049 \(c\)](#)*

(d) That staff be directed to investigate and report to Economic Development and Planning Committee regarding the potential effectiveness of creating a rental housing registry that would include property owner and their contact information.

Staff recommended two options to examine the feasibility of a formal and informal rental registry for Wards 1 and 8. Committee recommended that an informal registry be created.

Committee also proposed that depending upon the success of "Project Compliance", the City's 18 month Proactive By-law Enforcement Pilot Program, that a formal rental registry be considered as an alternative to a licensing program.

- *Copy of Report: May 4, 2010 - [Report PED10049 \(a\)](#)*

Staff reported back to Committee on August 9, 2010 with a proposed implementation plan for an online voluntary rental registry collecting the owners contact information – name, address and phone number(s). This would be for Wards 1 and 8 at the initial onset.

- *Copy of Report: August 9, 2010 - [Report PED10185](#)*

<p>(e) That staff be directed to investigate potential partnerships with McMaster University and Mohawk College as both schools partner to develop and enhance their respective Voluntary Landlord Certification Programs.</p>	<p>Staff reported to Economic Development and Planning Committee on May 4, 2010 and recommended that this item not be considered at this point in time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Copy of Report: May 4, 2010 - Report PED10049 (a)</i>
<p>(f) That staff be directed to investigate and report to Economic Development and Planning Committee on the feasibility of creating an incentive program to encourage the de-conversion of rental properties back into single family homes.</p>	<p>Forwarded onto Planning Division.</p>
<p>(g) That staff be directed to investigate and report to Economic Development and Planning Committee regarding the feasibility of hiring a Community Liaison Outreach Coordinator, on a costs sharing basis with McMaster University and Mohawk College to liaise, facilitate and mediate problems between landlords, tenants, residents, the City / Councillor's, and the academic institutions.</p>	<p>At this point in time there seems to be little interest in pursuing this role as there seems to be number of individuals who currently carry out various functions of the proposed role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Copy of Report: May 4, 2010 - Report PED10049 (a)</i>
<p>(h) That staff be directed to investigate service level improvements to address stakeholder comments/ concerns regarding transit hours of operation, waste container limits and additional options, and potential waste by-law amendments (as noted in Option 8 of Appendix "C" of this (Report 009-001) and report back to Economic Development and Planning Committee.</p>	<p>Recommended that these items be forwarded to the appropriate divisions in the Public Works Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Copy of Report: March 23, 2010 - Report PED10049</i>