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)

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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.
VISION: To be the best place in Canada to raise a child, promote innovation, engage citizens and provide diverse economic opportunities.

VALUES: Honesty, Accountability, Innovation, Leadership, Respect, Excellence, Teamwork

**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 for Report CS11088.

**CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN** (Linkage to Desired End Results)


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:

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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

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PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

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

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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

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TOTAL COSTS $1000.00

Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances) $0

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:  

Telephone #:  

2012 VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
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