Present: John Hawker (Chair), Connie Bellamy, Laura Ryan, Larry Husack

Absent with Regrets: Meaghan Ross, Andy Cranbury

Also Present: Nasir Sawari, Housing Help Centre (Guest), Tracey Ann Fisher – Ontario Works (Observer), Mike Ras – Ontario Works (Observer), Jennie Vengris, City of Hamilton - Housing Division (Staff Liaison)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
   John welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done.

2. CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   No changes. Agenda approved.
   (Husack/Bellamy – Carried)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   None noted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2011
   No changes. Minutes approved.
   (Husack/Bellamy – Carried)

5. GUEST – Nasir Sawar - Bed Bug Coordinator, Housing Help Centre
   Nasir Sawar attended the Tenant Advisory Committee meeting to provide education around bed bugs and the work of the Bed Bug Coordination Project.
Two staff from the Ontario Works program of the City of Hamilton attended to observe the presentation in order to determine its fit for staff training on bed bugs.

See Nasir’s presentation attached.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Preparation for TAC Presentation to Emergency and Community Services Committee

The group reviewed the Power Point presentation and approved it.

Jennie will send out information for members interested in attending the presentation (it was postponed until October 19, 2011).

6.2 Tenants As Voters

Jennie reported that pamphlets were provided to Housing Help Centre, the Legal Clinics, some social housing providers and available at the City of Hamilton Housing Services reception.

6.3 Investment in Affordable Housing Program – Report to Emergency and Community Services Committee

Jennie reviewed the report in response to the Investment in Affordable Housing. TAC approved the report moving forward.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Solutions for Housing Action Committee

No update.

7.2 Tenant Outreach and Education Project

No update – Meaghan is away.

7.3 City of Hamilton

The Housing Services Division is moving to 350 King Street East (the First Place Building). Jennie handed out an information flyer about the move (the flyer can be found on the City of Hamilton website).

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Work Plan Next Steps
The group agreed to spend a good amount of time on the next agenda to work out our next steps.

8.2 TAC Budget Submission

Jennie consulted with the group about the budget for TAC for 2012. The group agreed to ask for the same amount as last time ($1000.00). We also talked about upcoming opportunities to attend workshops and conferences.

9. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next TAC meeting will be on Friday November 11, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 433.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

(Ryan/Husack – Carried)