To: Chair and Members 
Social Services Committee

From: Andy Cranbury, Chair 
Tenant Advisory Committee (to be signed by the Chair)

Date: September 8, 2006

Re: Tenant Advisory Committee (SSC06031)

Recommendation:

That the continued operation of the Tenant Advisory Committee be approved for the next term of City Council.

Background:

The Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC) is a volunteer citizen committee originally established by Council on May 28, 2003. The Committee’s mandate is to provide information, advice, recommendations and advocacy regarding residential tenancy issues and policies that would improve the overall well-being of tenants in Hamilton. Specific objectives are:

- To identify systemic and policy issues facing tenants and provide advice and recommendations to the City regarding these matters.
- To develop strategies for information dissemination and education to tenants regarding tenant issues including legal rights and obligations of tenants.

Analysis/Rationale:

TAC was reconstituted in late 2005 with new membership consisting of 5 members representing tenants and community agencies working with tenants. The new TAC has been meeting regularly since the beginning of 2006 with a focus on refining its terms of reference, reviewing issues affecting tenants and developing strategies for tenant outreach. TAC would like to continue in the next term of Council so that it has the opportunity to develop a specific workplan and have an impact on tenant issues.