SUBJECT: Request for Nominations: Social Housing Services Corporation Board of Directors (ECS07024) (City Wide)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC) be advised that the City of Hamilton nominates Councillor Brian McHattie, President, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation, and the forthcoming Director of Housing, Housing Division, Community Services Department as representatives to sit on the SHSC Board of Directors for the term commencing June 30, 2007.

Joe-Anne Priel
General Manager
Community Services Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Social Housing Services Corporation is seeking two nominations from the City of Hamilton for an elected official and a staff person to sit on the Board of Directors for a two and half year term commencing June 30, 2007. It is appropriate for Council to recommend the forthcoming Director of Housing as the staff person and Councillor Brian McHattie, President of CityHousing Hamilton Corporation, as the elected official.
BACKGROUND:

The Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that was created through the introduction of the Social Housing Reform Act. All municipal Service Managers are members of the SHSC. The mandate of the SHSC is to support municipalities and social housing providers in managing and administering social housing in a cost effective manner. The SHSC provides products and services such as group insurance, investment programs for capital reserve funds, bulk natural gas purchasing and energy efficiency products. The SHSC also identifies best practices for social housing providers.

The SHSC is governed by a 15 member Board of Directors with eight (8) municipal Service Manager representatives, five (5) social housing provider representatives and two (2) Provincial representatives. The municipal Service Manager representatives on the Board of Directors comprise a mix of both elected officials and senior housing staff.

The SHSC is seeking nominations from municipal Service Managers to serve on the SHSC Board of Directors for a two and a half year term commencing June 30, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009. The SHSC is requesting a maximum of two (2) nominations specifically from the City of Hamilton - one staff person and one elected official. The SHSC requires that the municipal Service Manager nominated representatives be endorsed by Council.

On February 19, 2007, the Board of Directors of CityHousing Hamilton Corporation recommended that that the President of the Corporation, Councillor Brian McHattie, be nominated as the elected official. It is anticipated that a new Director of Housing will be in place before the commencement of the SHSC term on June 30, 2007. Accordingly, it is appropriate for Council to nominate the forthcoming Director of Housing as the staff person and Councillor Brian McHattie as the elected official from the City of Hamilton for the SHSC Board of Directors.

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

The Board of Directors of CityHousing Hamilton Corporation provided a recommendation for the elected official.
CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, and economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced.  Yes  No
The social housing interests and priorities of the City of Hamilton can be advanced in a broader Provincial and inter-municipal context.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced.  Yes  No

Economic Well-Being is enhanced.  Yes  No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines?  Yes  No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants?  Yes  No