City of Hamilton
Planning and Economic Development Department
Parking and By-law Services Division
Neighbourhood (Wards 1, 8, 10 & 12) Residential Rental Housing
Community Liaison Committee

MINUTES

February 7, 2009
Hamilton Convention Center – Albion A Room

Present: Councillor Brian McHattie, Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Jennifer Kleven, Michelle Ball, Azim Kasmani, Sasha Rana,, Richard Anderson, Ira Rosen, Vinnie Welsh, Ken Sherman, Colleen Wicken, Gail Fisher, Steve Swing, Meredith Vanstone, Connie Spitman, Greg Bartholomew, Joe Xamin, Debbie Thomas

Regrets: Councillor Terry Whitehead, Alan Griffiths, Pat DeLuca, John Popham, Greg Bartholomew

1. Call Meeting to Order
   - Councillor McHattie opened the meeting, greeting all volunteers and thanking them for their time
   - Review of current day’s Agenda
   - Review minutes from January 27, 2009 – one change, add Lloyd Ferguson to Regrets – Gail Fisher motion to approve minutes – Ira seconded – Motion Carried

2. Vacancies on Community Liaison Committee
   - Update – Joe received 4 calls for Ward 8 - application has been sent to the interested candidates who need to apply – deadline February 11, 2009
   - Mohawk College put a call out to landlords
   - Concern raised re Apt Building Owners – this will be addressed in the City-wide CLC
   - Special meeting will be held just for landlords, tenants and residents
   - Membership is now closed – this is truly more of a workshop rather than public meetings
3. **Overview of Upcoming Meetings – “Public Information Centres”**
   - Expecting good turnout for public meetings for all stakeholders
   - Questions regarding the format of the meetings were asked – clarification was that Community Liaison Committee (CLC) role will be to listen and gain information relative to concerns and experience of landlords in order to formulate possible resolution
   - We want to update stakeholders as to where CLC is at pertaining to the scope of the committee
   - Councillor McHattie will bear the responsibility of addressing concerns as Chair – issues can be taken offline should any serious issues/concerns arise

4. **Introduction of Group Activity**
   - Group re-assembled in 3 small workgroups and were given the task of answering a question
   - Question: “What are the issues related to residential single/semi detached rental housing in the CLC study areas”?
   - Each group answered the question from four of the following perspective: Landlord, Tenant, City and Resident
   - Work on the Group Activity carried on through a working lunch

5. **Presentation**
   - Scott Courtice, President of the Town and Gown Association did a presentation on Regulating Rental Housing
   - Presentation followed by a question and answer
   - Presentation was informative and well received
   - Concluded at 1:45 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Joe Xamin to capture the last category of the group exercise due to time constraints, Councillor McHattie again thanked the group for donating their Saturday to be part of the CLC.

**Next Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:30, Hamilton Convention Center.**