

**Deputation
Presented by
Toronto St. Paul's Tenant Associations Network**

**RE: PH19.8 2021 Work plan on the Preservation of Affordable Rental
Housing**

Tenant Advisory Committee

We are very pleased to note the creation of the Tenant Advisory Committee.

We wish to add a note of caution.

The Tenant Advisory Committee cannot be treated as a “check mark” for submissions going forward to the Planning and Housing Committee where last minute submissions are presented or not presented to the Tenant Advisory Committee. The Tenant Advisory Committee must be understood and treated as a partnership entity where draft concepts are presented for fulsome discussion. The Tenant Advisory Committee must be embedded as a City process where there is a sharing of draft documents NOT documents that have been approved for release to the public. It is worth noting that the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, Notice, Public does not restrict the City from providing draft documents to Advisory Committees established by the City. Tenants who have presented deputations to various City Committees have consistently observed that it is extremely difficult to modify concepts or introduce new concepts once a staff report is on the Committee Agenda. “The train has left the station”

We need a clear commitment from all City Divisions developing renter-related services, policies, programs or consultations will, without exception, consult with the Tenant Advisory Committee.

We are aware that not all of the items included in the past agendas of the Planning and Housing Committee would have been relevant for consideration by the proposed Tenant Advisory Committee. City Staff should be directed to review the Planning and Housing Committee's agenda items for the past year and develop a conceptual framework for the type of items that will be directed to the Tenant Advisory Committee. The conceptual framework will provide staff with a clear directive of which types of items need to be presented to the Tenant Advisory Committee for consultation.