

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Ensuring a Successful Tenant Advisory Committee at Toronto Community Housing Corporation - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to have City staff, through the Tenants First initiative, review the proposal for a new Tenant Advisory Committee including: Terms of Reference; the recruitment and confirmation of members; the role of tenant directors in a Tenant Advisory Committee; and the role of the City, and to report to the February 28, 2023 meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee on the review and any recommendations.
2. City Council forward this Item to the Board of Toronto Community Housing Corporation, including the Tenant Directors.

Summary

An important part of the development and implementation of Tenants First was the establishment of a Tenant Advisory Committee. These tenants were selected by the City and it was a very successful model to make sure that any changes being proposed were going to work for tenants and to oversee tenant engagement which is a requirement of the City's shareholder direction to Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

As part of the establishment of the new Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation, a Senior Tenant Advisory Committee was established and then renewed by City Council on December 15, 2021, to ensure a continued strong tenant voice at the Toronto Seniors Community Housing Corporation.

Over the last number of years, Toronto Community Housing Corporation has been engaged in a tenant engagement exercise to establish new tenant representatives in the many buildings in its family portfolio. There is also a proposal to establish a Tenant Advisory Committee.

A requirement of the Shareholder Direction is Toronto Community Housing Corporation and Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation are to consult with tenants through 'efficient and effective engagement mechanisms'. The Tenant Advisory Committee and the Senior Tenant

Advisory Committee were established by City Council for these important ends and City Staff were critical in ensuring that these requirements were being met.

Prior to the implementation of a new Tenant Advisory Committee, recommendations from the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services and the Tenant's First team would be helpful to ensure the alignment with established Tenants' First goals and procedures.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-230414.pdf>)