



Ottawa City Council

8 November 2023

Disposition of Items Approved by Committees under Delegated Authority

Community Services Committee

For the information of Council, the following item was approved by the Community Services Committee under Delegated Authority, at its meeting of October 24, 2023:

Tenant Defence Fund Programs in Toronto and Hamilton

Motion No. CSC 2023-06-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee allow discussion of this item for consideration by the committee at today's meeting, pursuant to subsection 89(4) of the Procedure By-law (being by-law no. 2022-410) to receive oral submissions from residents and consider a related motion.

Carried

Motion No. CSC 2023-06-02

WHEREAS Tenant Defence Fund programs in Toronto and Hamilton have successfully helped protect existing affordable rentals, with Hamilton's TDFPP showing a 100% success rate at the Landlord Tenant board for Above Guideline Increase (AGI) applications and over 80% for N13 notices; and

WHEREAS the memo circulated by City Staff concluded that further investigation into a TDF program for Ottawa could be beneficial; and

WHEREAS the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan is due to be commenced in 2024 and to be completed by Q2 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa has fully allocated all available funding from federal, provincial and municipal funding envelopes; and

WHEREAS tenant organizations have raised concerns about an observed increase in N12s, N5s, and N11s being issued in addition to N13s and AGIs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Services Committee direct staff to complete a review of housing loss prevention strategies, which will include a tenant defence fund, through the 2024-25 update of the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this engagement include tenant organizations or associations as well as Councillors' offices to capture current and emerging eviction tactics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Services Committee direct staff to engage the province and federal governments to discuss a pilot program for a tenant defence fund in Ottawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Services Committee direct staff to report back to Committee by memorandum in Q3 2024 on the current capacity of available housing loss prevention programs and what resources would be required to scale up those programs to meet demand; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Services Committee direct staff to provide Committee with an information report no later than Q2 2025 with options on next steps to create a comprehensive housing loss prevention strategy, which may include a Tenant Defence Fund, in the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Carried

Councillors D. Brown and S. Desroches dissented on this motion.