



STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Licensing Rental Properties and Regulation of Nuisance Calls for Emergency Services

Recommendation of the Committee

That Administration be directed to investigate further and report back on the financial implications of implementing Option 1, : increase staffing to facilitate pro-active property maintenance inspections, as outlined in the January 14, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department.

History

At the January 14, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services meeting a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 14, 2020 was considered. Your Committee received letters from Ruth Engele, Renters of Saskatoon and Area and Shane Patridge, Pleasant Hill Community Association.

Your Committee also received presentations from Cameron Choquette, CEO, Saskatchewan Landlord Association, Katelyn Siggelkow, David Fineday and Ruth Engele, Renters of Saskatoon and Area.

In addition to the above recommendation, your Committee also resolved:

1. That Administration report back on options to create a more coordinated system to building accountability and monitoring of both life safety and property maintenance and nuisance concerns of properties and buildings between Community Associations and residents, Community Services, Saskatoon Fire, Saskatoon Police, Landlord Associations, Business Improvement Districts, Housing providers and other associated agencies, and as part of that investigate options such as the success of the Flint Property Portal to use data, mapping and community engagement to support a more coordinated approach;
2. That the Administration report back on planned expanded public education and programming efforts outlining how these will balance and support both rights and responsibilities of all parties and promote tenant well-being, and therefore, community well-being. That appropriate collaboration be considered with partners engaged in programs and education relating to rental tenancies; and



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3. That the Administration report back on opportunities to inform residents of their rights under Divisions 3, 4, and 5 of Bylaw 8175, and opportunities to engage in proactive enforcement of these provisions.

Attachment

1. January 14, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department
2. January 14, 2020 Letter from Ruth Engele, Renters of Saskatoon and Area (ROSA)
3. January 14, 2020 Letter from Shane Patridge, Pleasant Hill Community Association