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TO/DEST. Coordinator
 Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Regional Clerk

SUBJECT/OBJET **APPOINTMENTS: OTTAWA-CARLETON HOUSING BOARD**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee select one of the following options to proceed with filling four current vacancies on the Ottawa-Carleton Housing (OCH) Board:

- Option 1 Social Housing Working Group Motion to appoint four OCH tenants, nominated by the OCH Staff/Tenant Interchange.**

- Option 2 Reappoint two current members of the Board and appoint two OCH tenants, nominated by the OCH Staff/Tenant Interchange.**

- Option 3 Follow the procedure for Regional appointments to Boards and Commissions, soliciting candidates Region-wide through newspaper advertisements.**

BACKGROUND

The Region of Ottawa-Carleton is responsible for nominating 9 public representatives to Ottawa-Carleton Housing Board for varying terms.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has advised that four Regional representatives' terms on the OCH Board have recently expired. All four current appointees are eligible for reappointment; however, only three have expressed their desire to seek reappointment.

DISCUSSION

Option 1

The Region's Social Housing Working Group, comprised of members of the social housing community and tenants, as well as Regional Councillors and staff, carried a motion at their meeting of 26 November 1999 that the next four appointments to the Board be OCH tenants. The Group felt due to the current lack of tenant representation on the OCH Board, the next four appointments should be OCH tenants, selected to be representative of the demographic diversity of the tenant population. The OCH Staff/Tenant Interchange has a process in place for nominating candidates to the Board including advertising for and soliciting candidates from within OCH, reviewing community participation and conducting interviews. Nominations have already been received by the Chair of the OCH Staff/Tenant Interchange.

Option 2

A second option that could be considered would be the reappointment of two current appointees, recognizing the strong contribution made by these community representatives and filling the remaining two vacancies with OCH tenants, nominated by the OCH Staff/Tenant Interchange.

Option 3

The Regional Clerk's Department is responsible for Regional appointments to boards and commissions including OCH. The normal procedure involves placing advertisements in The Ottawa Citizen, The Sun and Le Droit advising anyone interested in the appointment to submit their application to the Regional Clerk's Department. A sub-committee is formed to review the resumes received, along with current appointees who wish to stand for reappointment. The Sub-Committee's recommendations are forwarded to Committee and Council for approval.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report. The costs associated with advertising in the case of Option 3 are included in the Regional Clerk's Department budget.

*Approved by
Mary Jo Woollam*

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