



Smoke-Free Policy Update

Item 6F

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Tenant Services Committee

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To: Tenant Services Committee (“TSC”)

From: Acting Chief Operating Officer

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the TSC with an update on the development of Toronto Community Housing’s (“TCHC”) Smoke-Free Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the TSC receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018, a cross-divisional working group was convened to develop the Smoke-Free policy. This occurred in parallel to feedback received from the 2018 tenant survey, which highlighted tenant support towards the implementation of a smoke-free initiative. Based on an initial report submitted to the TSC in November 2018, a plan was outlined that involved a phased implementation of the Smoke-Free Policy, starting with a pilot in rental relocation buildings. The policy direction and phased implementation was endorsed by Toronto Public Health (“TPH”) and they committed to provide support for tenant engagement and smoking cessation programs.

In 2019, the cross-divisional working group developed a draft Smoke-Free policy, which will apply to all tenants signing new leases, whether as a transfer or as a new tenant, or as part of relocation due to revitalization. The work was temporarily paused due to staffing changes and the organizational restructuring.

UPDATE:

In 2021, a new cross-divisional working group will be established to reassess the planning activities in Q4 2021. As part of this work, it will consider the smoke-free initiative that has been implemented by Ottawa Community Housing, which includes the transition that they have taken towards adopting smoke-free leases and properties. Any lessons learned will be considered the planning activities to be undertaken by the cross-divisional working group.

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