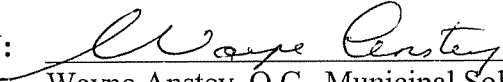


Halifax Regional Council
17 August, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE 11 August 2004

SUBJECT **Item 11.5 Councillor Sloane - Residential Tenancy Act
July 06, 2004 Regional Council Meeting**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on July 06, 2004, Councillor Sloane made the following request:

Staff requested to provide a report with regards to changes to the Residential Tenancy Act to assist landlords in dealing with troubling or problem tenants.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

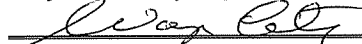
At the September 23, 2003 meeting of Regional Council, Council passed a resolution requesting the Province of Nova Scotia to consider amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act with respect to the following matters:

- (1) Requiring the posting by the property owner of local municipal waste/resources collection schedules in all rental units;
- (2) That each tenant be required to sign a declaration stating that they are aware of the local municipal solid waste/resources rules;
- (3) That a copy of the local municipal waste/resource management brochures/guides be provided by the property owner to each tenant;
- (4) Requiring owners of rental units to exercise effective control over the activities taking place on their properties;;
- (5) Making owner/landlords responsible for nuisance activities that take place on their properties; and
- (6) Enabling municipalities to hold both owners and occupants liable for any activity on rental properties giving rise to complaints.

These requests were communicated to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on October 21 and 22, 2003. To date the Province has not responded with any legislative amendments to address these issues.

Additional copies of this report and information on its status can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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