

Director, Rental Department

Reports to: Executive Director

Supervises: Rental Officers, Rent Collections Officers, Rental Support,

Custodians

Department: Rental

Summary

The Rental Director oversees leasing and rent collection for all rental units; manages partnerships with community agencies; provides policy advice to the Rental Committee on issues relating rental functions; supports staff to attend to complaints between tenants and other tenant matters that require major intervention or legal action; supervises all rental staff and custodians; and represents CCOC to community and sector organizations and committees.

Responsibilities (this is not an exhaustive list)

- 1. Oversee leasing and rent collection for all rental units by:
 - Monitoring vacancies and turnovers to ensure timely rent-up of units;
 - Monitoring all rent subsidy programs to ensure adherence to targeting plans, subsidy budgets and approving rent subsidies;
 - Ensuring prompt collection of rents and follow-up action for accounts in arrears in accordance with department policies and procedures;
 - Ensuring staff are trained and equipped to represent the Corporation in landlord-tenant legal matters;
 - Recommending appropriate market rents and monitoring local rental market conditions;
 - Liaising with the appropriate funding and regulatory bodies with respect to subsidized housing programs.

- 2. Manage partnerships with community agencies that support CCOC tenants and residents by:
 - Seeking out new partnership opportunities to maintain successful tenancies and ensure housing options are accessible to people with a broad range of abilities and backgrounds;
 - Negotiating, maintaining and updating agreements with agencies; and
 - Managing relations with agencies and their clients/tenants.
- 3. Support staff in attending to complaints between tenants and other tenant matters that could require major intervention or legal action by:
 - Reviewing staff documentation, undertaking further investigation and taking appropriate action in accordance with CCOC policies and procedures;
 - Promoting personal responsibility to be a good neighbour;
 - Consulting with the Executive Director when recommending eviction; and
 - Providing liaison with CCOC's lawyer and attending court proceedings as required.
- 4. Advise and support the Rental Committee on issues relating to the management of rental functions by:
 - Ensuring committee members are informed as needed to make sound decisions and recommendations to the Board;
 - Preparing or updating policies and guidelines on rental issues for review and approval by the Committee;
 - Monitoring changes to government housing policies, programs, and regulations, and assessing their impact on the Corporation's rental policies and practices; and
 - Submitting reports on vacancies, arrears, subsidized housing programs or other aspects of the Corporation's rental functions as required by the Committee and Board.
- 5. Represent CCOC to community and sector organizations and committees by:
 - Demonstrating leadership in the non-profit housing sector;
 - Advocating for improved government operational and regulatory policies and practices; and
 - Identifying, recommending and sharing good practices and procedures within the non-profit housing sector.

- 6. Manages the Rental Department, and hires, trains, coaches and supervises rental staff and custodians by:
 - Ensuring a fair distribution of work;
 - Ensuring the preparation of annual work plans;
 - Carrying out annual performance reviews;
 - Ensuring tasks in the job descriptions of reporting staff are carries out and the outputs meets the organization's goals
 - Ensuring the effective integration of the Department and staff into larger corporate workflows and the organizational mission; and
 - Reviewing material produced by staff.
- 7. Performs other duties as requested by the Executive Director or Rental Committee.

This position supports the work of Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation, Centretown Citizens Housing Co-Operative and Cahdco (Centretown Affordable Housing Development Corporation).

Education and Experience

- Completion of a four-year post-secondary degree.
- Experience and formal training combined with demonstrated performance and ability may substitute for stipulated academic requirements.
- Intermediate ability to use Microsoft Office Suite
- Familiarity with Yardi Voyager is considered an asset.
- Advanced verbal communication in English, intermediate written communication in English.
- Intermediate verbal communication in French, basic written communication in French.
- Knowledge of additional languages is considered an asset.
- 7 years of related work experience.
- Experience with residential tenancies management, non-profit housing and associated legislation, regulation and trends.

Supervision and Decision-Making

 Decision-making forms an extremely large part of the role and will impact a major function of the organization and corporate objectives. Procedures and precedents are generally not well established, so considerable judgement and complex interpretation are required for developing solutions.

- Supervises a small team
- Responsible for providing direction and control over a CCOC Department.
 Provides counsel to employees directly or indirectly supervised.
- Works independently under guidance of Executive Director. Must be able to show considerable original and independent thinking when developing corporate objectives, methods and procedures.
- Significant financial impact if errors are made.
- Frequent use of and access to confidential information where disclosure could result in harm to the organization.

Working Environment

- Interaction with internal colleagues may involve handling conflict. The incumbent may be called upon to present material that is contentious and requires considerable interpersonal skills.
- Interaction with external contacts regularly involves dealing with complex and demanding interpersonal situations.
- Normal office environment; periods of light physical effort are required (for example, intermittent sitting, standing or reading).
- Some degree of physical skill and coordination required (for example; basic keyboarding).
- Comfortable physical work environment.
- The incumbent may be exposed to very serious stress.