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**TENANT DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE  
CONSOLIDATED AGENDA**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>February 27, 2004</b>	<b>Enquiry:</b>	<b>Merle MacDonald</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>		<b>Committee Secretary</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room No. 2</b>		<b>416-392-7340</b>
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

- 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
  
- 2. Appointment of Members to the  
Tenant Defence Sub-Committee**

Communication (February 6, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on January 27, 28 and 29, 2004, in its adoption of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 2 of The Striking Committee, appointed the following Members of Council to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee for a term of office expiring May 31, 2005, and until their successors are appointed:

Councillor Shelley Carroll  
Councillor Cliff Jenkins  
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby  
Councillor Peter Li Preti  
Councillor Pam McConnell  
Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Councillor Michael Walker  
Councillor Sylvia Watson.

**3. Mandate of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee**

Memorandum (February 16, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, respecting the mandate of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee.

**4. 2004 Update on the Tenant Survival Manual**

Memorandum (February 16, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, providing copies of the 2004 update on the Tenant Support Survival for information, which was written and produced by the Federation of Metro Tenants' Association (FMTA) as part of the eviction prevention project funding under the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's 2003 Operating Budget. (Note: Manual distributed to members of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee separately.)

**5. Update on the Tenant Support Grants Program**

Memorandum (February 16, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, providing, for information, an update on the Tenant Support Grants Program.

**6. 2003 Final Report of the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Team**

Memorandum (February 16, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, forwarding, for information, the 2003 Final Report of the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Team.

**7. 2003 Tenant Vote Campaign**

Memorandum (February 20, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, forwarding, for information, the final report respecting the 2003 Tenant Vote Campaign, prepared by the consultant selected to develop and implement the campaign, Tim Welch Consulting, December 2003.

## 8. Landlord-Tenant Law Reform

Communication (December 22, 2003) from Councillor Michael Walker respecting Landlord-Tenant Law Reform, and recommending that:

- (1) the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division be instructed to:
  - (a) compile all staff reports, studies, motions, deputations, etc. which have come before this Sub-Committee regarding the social and economic consequences of the Tenant Protection Act on the City of Toronto, and:
  - (b) provide a summary of the key recommendations made by the City of Toronto over the past five years with respect to amending the Tenant Protection Act, enacting new legislation and changing the policies and procedures of the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal, and
- (2) the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support report back to the Sub-Committee outlining a series of recommendations with respect to Landlord-Tenant Law reform in the following categories:
  - (a) Short-Term:
    - changes to the policies and procedures governing the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal which could be enacted administratively by its chair or through regulation by Provincial Cabinet, and
    - changes to the Tenant Protection Act which could be implemented through regulation by Provincial Cabinet, and
  - (c) Long-Term:
    - major changes to the Tenant Protection Act or completely new legislation which would require the Provincial Legislature to act, and
- (3) the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, report back to the Sub-Committee with a comprehensive strategy for pursuing these changes at the provincial level.

**8(a).** Communication (January 9, 2004) from Mr. Dale Ritch concerning disclosure of information for multi-residential buildings in the City of Toronto.

**9. Application for Tenant Support Grant  
220 Eglinton Avenue East  
Appeal of Decision**

Communication (February 18, 2004) from Councillor Michael Walker recommending that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommend the issuance of a Tenant Support Grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 to the tenants of 220 Eglinton Avenue East in order to cover legal expenses incurred while fighting their landlord's application for vacant possession of the building.

- 9(a).** Memorandum (February 16, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, regarding the tenant support grant application from the Tenants' Association of 220 Eglinton Avenue East.

**10. Presentation: Future Directions on Rent  
Regulation and Laws Affecting Tenants**

(Presentation Item)

**11. Schedule of Meetings for 2004**

Committee Secretary forwarding a schedule of Tenant Defence Sub-Committee meetings for 2004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA:**

**12. Tenant Defence Sub-Committee  
2004 Budget Allocation**

Communication (February 23, 2004) from Councillor Michael Walker, respecting the Tenant Defence Fund – 2004 Budget Allocation, and recommending that:

- (1) the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee endorse the following recommendations with respect to the 2004 budget allocation for the Tenant Defence Fund:
  - (a) funding to the Outreach and Organizing portion of the Tenant Defence fund be increased by \$70,000 in 2004, for a total of \$220,000;
  - (b) funding to the Grants portion of the Tenant Defence Fund be decreased by \$25,000 in 2004, leaving a total of \$150,000; and

- (2) the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee communicate its support of the above-noted recommendations to Budget Committee and City Council for their consideration.

**13. METCAP LIVING –Fountainhead  
Tenant Association**

Councillor Li Preti recommending that the Tenant Defense Subcommittee approve a grant of \$ 3,000.00 for the Fountainhead Tenant Association in order to ensure that the tenants' interests are represented during the consultation process, so that they may retain counsel to try to negotiate a permanent rent reduction based on the eventual and permanent loss of services that will result from the finalization of the Met Cap Living appeal process.

**14. 25 St. Mary Street –  
Request for Assistance**

Communication (February 26, 2004) from Councillor Kyle Rae in support of the request for funding from the 25 St, Mary Street tenants' association to allow them to engage the services of a lawyer to defend the Tribunal decision in court.