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**TENANT DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>September 2, 2004</b>	<b>Enquiry:</b>	<b>Merle MacDonald</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>		<b>Committee Secretary</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Meeting Room C</b>		<b>416-392-7340</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall</b>		<b>mmacdona@toronto.ca</b>
	<b>100 Queen Street West</b>		

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**Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.**

**Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act***

**Confirmation of Minutes - May 26, 2004.**

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

**1. Analysis of Evictions in the City of Toronto**

*(Presentation Item)*

Presentation by Linda Lapointe of Lapointe Consulting Inc. regarding the following:

- (a) Analysis of Evictions in the City of Toronto Co-operative Housing Sector
- (b) Analysis of Evictions under the Tenant Protection Act in the City of Toronto Non Profit Housing Sector
- (c) Analysis of Evictions under the Tenant Protection Act in the City of Toronto Overall Rental Housing Market

**2. New Provincial Rent Bank Program**

Report (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing a new Provincial Rent Bank program and requesting authority for the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to enter into a grant

agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to access provincial funding for the new program, and also authority to enter into service agreements with community agencies to deliver the new program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to execute the Provincial Rent Bank Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for administration of the Provincial Rent Bank Program for the period October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2006;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to execute an agreement with Neighbourhood Information Post and six other access centres listed in Appendix A to administer the Provincial Rent Bank Program for the period from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2006, and to allocate all available provincial funding, including interest, over the two year period in quarterly instalments;
- (3) Council approve the program design and implementation strategy substantially as detailed in Appendix B;
- (4) Council approve families with children, couples without children, and singles as eligible for participating in the Provincial Rent Bank Program, subject to the same eligibility criteria and loan repayment policy that apply to the existing Toronto Rent Bank Program;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to transfer \$36,187.00 from the provincial rent bank grant account to the Health and Safety Fund portion of the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to replace the emergency funds advanced to the Toronto Rent Bank for its July 1- September 30, 2004 quarterly payment;
- (6) Council request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing commit long-term funding of the Provincial Rent Bank beyond 2006, that any future funding allocation take into consideration the greater need for such assistance in communities where there is a larger tenant population, and that the cap on administrative funding be increased to reflect the actual cost of delivering the program;
- (7) Shelter, Housing and Support Division staff be directed to work with landlord organizations, including the Greater Toronto Apartments Association and the Landlord Self-Help Centre, to develop options for increased landlord participation

and support of the rent bank and for assisting tenants with arrears and at risk of eviction; and

- (8) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**3. May, June, July and August 2004 Status Report:  
Applications under the Tenant Support Grants Program**

Memorandum (August 26, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, providing, for information, an update of the applications received under the Tenant Support Grant as at August 13, 2004.

**4. Fountainhead Tenants' Association – 40 Fountainhead Road and  
470 Sentinel Road**

Report (August 24, 2004) from the City Solicitor responding to a request of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee for the City Solicitor to attend and discuss the details of the Ontario Municipal Board proceedings related to official plan and zoning amendment applications for 40 Fountainhead Road and 470 Sentinel Road

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- 4(a).** Communication (April 29, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its special meeting April 15 and 16, 2004, referred the Notice of Motion by Councillor Walker and the report dated April 8, 2004, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled 'Non-Concurrence in Request for a Tenant Support Grant from the Tenant Defence Fund by the Fountainhead Tenants' Association following an Ontario Municipal Board Decision (Ward 8 – York West)' to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee meeting of May 12, 2004, for report to the Community Services Committee.

**5. Quarterly Report – Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and  
Organizing Team – April 1 to June 30, 2004**

Memo (August 20, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, forwarding for information a copy of the Quarterly Report of the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Team outlining their activities during the three-month period between April 1 and June 30, 2004, in accordance with the City's Purchase of Service Agreement.

**6. Deputation – Tim Rourke**

Tim Rourke to make a deputation regarding the Tenant Support Grant Program and the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Team.