

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee met on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, in Committee Room 4, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Walker
Councillor Carroll
Councillor Jenkins
Councillor McConnell
Councillor Pitfield

No declarations of interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were made.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee confirmed the Minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2004.

**4.1. 2004 Status Report: Applications under the
Tenant Support Grants Program**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a Memorandum (November 2, 2004) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, providing, for information, an update of the applications received under the 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 Tenant Support Grant as of November 2, 2004.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee received the memorandum and requested the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division to submit information to the next meeting of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on the criteria and process for the Tenant Support Grants Program.

**4.2. Quarterly Report of the Tenant Defence Fund
Outreach and Organizing Team -
July 1 to September 30, 2004**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a Memorandum (October 25 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 about their outreach and tenant organizing activities during the three-month period between July 1 and September 30, 2004, in accordance with the City's Purchase of Service Agreement.

Dan McIntyre, Outreach and Organizing Team, appeared before the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

- (1) received the memorandum for information;
- (2) requested the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards to report to the next meeting on:
 - (a) the status of 104-105 West Lodge; and
 - (b) the status of 1775 Weston Road.

**4.3. Response to Eviction Study
Greater Toronto Apartment Association**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a Communication (October 5, 2004) from Brad Butt, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Apartment Association, forwarding the GTAA's comments regarding the Eviction Study.

The following persons appeared before the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

- Dan McIntyre, Outreach and Organizing Team,
- Brad Butt, GTAA.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

- (1) received the communication for information; and
- (2) requested the Chair of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee to write to the Provincial Government requesting that the form

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used by the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal be made clearer and easier to understand so that tenants may know their rights and obligations.

4.4. 2005 Schedule of Meetings

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee approved the following 2005 schedule of meetings for 2005.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Committee Room</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Closing</u>
Thursday, February 10, 2005	4	9:30 a.m.	February 3, 2005
Tuesday, April 19, 2005	4	9:30 a.m.	April 12, 2005
Wednesday, June 22, 2005	4	9:30 a.m.	June 15, 2005
Tuesday, September 27, 2005	4	9:30 a.m.	September 20, 2005
Tuesday, November 1, 2005	3	9:30 a.m.	October 25, 2005

4.5. Contract for Provision of Tenant Outreach Services – FMTA

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a Communication (November 16, 2004) from Councillor Michael Walker.

Recommendation:

That the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be requested to report to Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the feasibility of permanently amending the contract with the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations to increase Outreach funding within the current funding.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered a communication (November 10, 2004) from D. McIntyre, Program Co-ordinator, Outreach and Organizing Team, regarding the Tenant Outreach Services.

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On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adopted Councillor Walker's recommendation and requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit said report to the Community Services Committee meeting on January 11, 2005.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adjourned its meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Chair