

# TENANT DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA MEETING 1

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2005 Enquiry: Merle MacDonald

Time: 10:00 a.m. Committee Secretary

Location: Committee Room 4 416-392-7340

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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 – November 17, 2004.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

### 1. 2005 Status Report: Applications under the Tenant Support Grants Program

Memorandum (February 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, providing, for information, an update of the applications received under the 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Tenant Support Grant Program as of February 1, 2005.

# 2. Annual Report of the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Team - January 1 to December 31, 2004

Memorandum (February 2 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, forwarding for information a copy of the Annual Report of the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Team about their outreach and tenant organizing activities during the 12-month period between January 1 and December 31, 2004, during the three-month period between July 1 and September 30, 2004, in accordance with the City's Purchase of Service Agreement.

### 3. Information on Criteria and Process for the Tenant Support Grants Program

Memorandum (January 25, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, forwarding for information copies of the public education materials outlining the criteria and process for the Tenant Support Grants, along with applications for the Basic and Additional Tenant Support Grant.

# 4. Status Report – Condition of Property at 103-105 West Lodge Avenue Ward 14 – Parkdale – High Park

Report (January 27, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, Urban Development Services, responding to a request from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee pursuant to the Decision Document from the November 17, 2004 Meeting for a report on the site conditions at 103-105 West Lodge Avenue relating to issues within the purview of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, Urban Development Services.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information purposes.

## 5. Status Report – Condition of Property at 1765-1775 Weston Road Ward 11 – York South – Weston

Report (February 2, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, Urban Development Services, responding to a request from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee pursuant to the Decision Document from the November 17, 2004 Meeting for a report on the site conditions at 1765-1775 Weston Road, relating to issues within the purview of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information purposes.

**5(a).** Communication (February 14, 2005) from Councillor Nunziata, Ward 11 York South-Weston, recommending that the tenants of 1765 and 1775 Weston Road issue a Form T6 to the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal; and that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee approve sufficient funds to cover the application fees as well as the cost of engaging legal representation.

### **6.** Charges for Visitor Parking at Multi-Residential Buildings

Communication (January 18, 2005) from Councillor Walker, Chair of Tenant Defence Sub-Committee, on charges for visitor parking at multi-residential buildings.

#### Recommendations:

- (1) City staff be requested to report back to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on whether the City has the ability, under the Tenant Protection Act, to deem a service as a Vital Service and whether or not Free Visitor Parking can be deemed as a Vital Service:
- (2) City staff be further requested to report on issues relative to site-specific zoning by-laws for apartment buildings and whether the requirement to provide visitor parking means that it should be free; and
- (3) the City Solicitor be directed to appear at the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal in support of the appeal by the tenants at the properties represented by Dale Ritch in regard to the loss of Free Visitor Parking in Toronto's Multi-Residential buildings.