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Minutes of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Meeting 2

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, in Committee Room 2, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Chair
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair
Councillor Cliff Jenkins
Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Shelley Carroll
Councillor Michael Walker

Regrets:

Councillor Frances Nunziata

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Jenkins, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on July 9, 2007.

2.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

On motion by Councillor Jenkins, the Sub-Committee unanimously elected Councillor Anthony Perruzza as Chair, and Councillor Janet Davis as Vice-Chair.

2.2 Status Report: Applications under the Tenant Support Grants Program

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (September 13, 2007) from Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, forwarding a summary update of all outstanding applications received under the Tenant Support Grant Program as of September 13, 2007.

On motion by Concillor McConnell, the Sub-Committee received this matter for information.

2.3 927 St. Clair Avenue West (Ward 17)

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (September 18, 2007) from Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, as requested, on the process for informing tenants following fires and other emergencies, and on the possibility of supporting the tenants of 927 St. Clair Avenue West through the Tenant Defence Fund.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered a communication (September 12, 2007) from Deborah Wandal, Community Legal Worker, York Community Services, on behalf of Paul Webber, a former tenant of 927 St. Clair Avenue West, forwarding a synopsis of events following the fire at the building.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered a report (September 19, 2007) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, as requested, on the Applicability of Municipal Code Chapter 667, Residential Rental Property Demolition and Conversion Control, to the activities of the landlord at 927 St. Clair Avenue West.

Deborah Wandal, Community Legal Worker, York Community Services, addressed the Sub-Committee on behalf of Paul Webber, a former tenant of the building.

On motion by Councillor Jenkins, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended that City Council authorize the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to reimburse York Community Services from the 2007 Tenant Defence Fund for any advertisements and related costs necessary to contact the former tenants of 927 St. Clair Avenue West not to exceed \$5 thousand.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also requested:

- i. the City Solicitor, in consultation with the appropriate City Officials, to review the case of 927 St. Clair Avenue West and report on any legal strategies available at its next meeting on Monday, November 12, 2007, or inform the Chair prior to City

Council if urgent action is required; (Moved by Councillor McConnell)

- ii. the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to report on a proposed protocol or policy that would prevent the reoccurrence of situations such as at 927 St. Clair Avenue West; (Moved by Councillor Davis) and
- iii. the Chair to write to the Chief Building Official with a request to review and consider revocation of the building permit for 927 St. Clair Avenue West, in light of the unusual circumstances related to the eviction of all tenants and the extensive demolition undertaken on site. (Moved by Councillor Davis)

2.4 Tenants Application in respect of 150 Finch Avenue West

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a report (September 11, 2007) from the City Solicitor, as requested, on whether or not there are any avenues to help the tenants' group at 150 Finch Avenue West.

Claudia Giraldo addressed the Sub-Committee.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Sub-Committee requested the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to report at its next meeting on Monday, November 12, 2007, on a review of the new information submitted by the speaker.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Chair