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Minutes of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Meeting 4

Thursday, April 24, 2008

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee met on Thursday, April 24, 2008, in Committee Room No. 4, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Chair
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair
Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Cliff Jenkins
Councillor Shelley Carroll

Regrets:

Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Michael Walker

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 January 22, 2008.

4.1 City-Funded Tenant Support Programs

The Tenant Defence Sub-committee gave consideration to a presentation regarding City-Funded Tenant Support Programs by:

- Dan McIntyre, Coordinator, Outreach and Organizing Program
- Jed Kilbourn, Coordinator, Tenant Education Project
- Geordie Dent, Coordinator, Tenant Hotline

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Sub-Committee:

1. received this item for information and thanked the speakers for their informative presentation; and
2. requested the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to contact Members of City Council to determine the interest of organizing a second information session on the new RTA later this year.

4.2 2008 Status Report: Applications under the Tenant Support Grants Program

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (April 18, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support & Housing Administration, forwarding a summary update of all outstanding applications received under the Tenant Support Grant Program as of March 31, 2008.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Sub-Committee received the memorandum for information.

4.3 Tenant Communication concerning 82-90 Broadway Avenue

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a report (February 5, 2008) from the Executive Director and Chief Planner, as requested, on a request from a former tenant of 82-90 Broadway Avenue to review aspects of the Tenant Relocation and Assistance Plan for the demolition and redevelopment of this property.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered a confidential letter (undated) from Andrew Dudas, a former tenant of 88 Broadway Avenue.

On motion by Councillor Jenkins, the Sub-Committee deferred consideration of this item until its next meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

4.4 Update on 927 St. Clair Avenue West (Ward 17) – Information Protocol for Tenants and Status of the Tenant Support Grant in relation to the Tenant Application to the Landlord and Tenant Board

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee gave consideration to a memorandum (April 18, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, forwarding an update on the issues arising from the fire at 927 St. Clair Avenue West.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Sub-Committee received the memorandum for information.

4.5 Pay for Visitor Parking at Various Multi-Residential Rental Properties

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee gave consideration to a letter (February 25, 2008) from the Chair of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee addressed to the Chair of the Planning and Growth Management Committee, as requested, to ensure that the matter of charging for visitor parking at multi-residential rental buildings be considered as a priority during the review of the new zoning by-law.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee noted that the Planning and Growth Management Committee referred the item to the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director of City planning for consideration during the review of the Zoning By-law.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Sub-Committee received this item for information.

4.6 Installation of Smart Meters in Rental Units

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee gave consideration to a memorandum (April 18, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, regarding an update on the Ontario government's smart meter initiative in multi-residential rental buildings, and information about the relevant provisions under the new Residential Tenancies Act (RTA).

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Sub-Committee deferred consideration of this item until its next meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, and requested members of the subcommittee to forward their questions, concerns or motions to the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration prior to the next meeting for comment and response.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adjourned its meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Chair.

