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Minutes of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Meeting 9

Wednesday February 17, 2010

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee met on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair
Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Michael Walker

Absent:

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Chair
Councillor Cliff Jenkins

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on November 23, 2009.

9.1 2010 Status Report: Applications under the Tenant Support Grants Program

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (February 5, 2010) from Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, forwarding a summary of all outstanding applications received under the Tenant Support Grant Program as of February 5, 2010, for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee received the memorandum for information.

9.2 Update on the Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2009 (Bill 235)

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a report (February 8, 2010) from Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, regarding the Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2009 ("Bill 235") which, if enacted, would establish rules for sub-metering in residential rental properties including amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act regarding notification to tenants and determination of rent reductions, for information.

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee received the report for information.

9.3 Sub-metered Properties in Toronto: Follow-up from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a report (February 8, 2010) from Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, as requested, providing information about staff follow-up, including a letter regarding tenant rights in relation to the Ontario Energy Board's recent decision on the Installation of Smart Sub-Metering Systems in Rental Residential Buildings, for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, Tenant Defence Sub-Committee deferred consideration of this report until its next meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

9.4 Tenant Defence Fund Grant Request – Tenants of 50 Rosehill Avenue (Ward 22) and 330 Spadina Road (Ward 21)

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a letter (January 12, 2010) from Councillor Michael Walker and Councillor Joe Mihevc, regarding a Tenant Defence Fund Grant Request by Tenants of 50 Rosehill Avenue, and recommending that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee refer the grant request of \$5,000 by Fink and Bornstein Professional Corporation on behalf of their clients, the tenants of 50 Rosehill Avenue and 330 Spadina Road, to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration for a report directly to the March 2010 meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adopted the recommendation contained in the letter.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Chair.