

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by: Councillor David Shiner

Seconded by:

RE: North York Zoning By-law 7625, Section 2.9  
Definition Section– Boarding or Lodging House

### SUMMARY:

North York Zoning By-law 7625, Section 2.9– definitions section– reads:

**Boarding or Lodging House** shall mean a dwelling in which lodging with or without meals is supplied for gain but shall not include a hotel, hospital, children’s home, nursing home for the aged or other similar establishment.

There is and continues to be an increasing number of illegally operated rooming houses in North York.

Municipal Licensing and Standards officers when called to investigate concerns about possible rooming houses have advised that the words ‘for gain’ in the definition for Boarding or Lodging House creates a problem when laying charges and seeking prosecution for the operation of an illegal rooming house.

Immediate action is needed in order to move forward with prosecutions of owners operating suspected rooming houses.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The City Solicitor, in consultation with staff from the North York Municipal Licensing and Standards Department, and the Chief City Planner, report to the North York Community Council scheduled for May 6, 2008 as to the definition of “Boarding or Lodging House” in North York By-law No. 7625 and recommendations as to measures that would improve the ability of Municipal Licensing and Standards Officers to lay charges and prohibit the operation of an illegal rooming house.