

March 31, 2009

To: Planning and Growth Management Committee

From: Scarborough Community Council

Subject: Item SC24.27 – Illegal Rooming Houses and Second Suites  
Wards 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44

**Recommendation:**

**The Scarborough Community Council recommended to the Planning and Growth Management Committee that:**

- 1. When Municipal Licensing and Standards has an open file on a suspected rooming house, the address should be forwarded to Fire Services for inspection.**
- 2. City Council consider a special levy for second suites.**

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

Scarborough Community Council:

- A. Supports enforcement of rooming house regulations.
- B. Referred the presentation by the Scarborough Association of Seniors to the Scarborough Community Council on March 26, 2009 on the issue of illegal rooming houses and renting of second suites in residential dwellings, to the Planning and Growth Management Committee.
- C. Requested:
  1. the City Solicitor and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report back to Scarborough Community Council on any additional measures that City Council can implement to enforce its by laws to regulate Second Suites in Scarborough.
  2. the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report back to the Scarborough Community Council on the various rooming house definitions within Community Council areas which are more strict than Scarborough.

3. the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report back to the Scarborough Community Council on how second suites can be registered in the Scarborough area.
4. the City Solicitor in consultation with the Chief Building Inspector, to investigate the “City of Toronto Act” for provisions to allow entry by City inspectors to investigate illegal rooming houses and second suites and report thereon to the Planning and Growth Management Committee.

Background:

The Scarborough Community Council on March 26, 2009, considered a presentation by the Scarborough Association of Seniors to the Scarborough Community Council on the issue of illegal rooming houses and renting of second suites in residential dwellings.

City Clerk.

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- c. City Solicitor  
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