



REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Improving Housing Conditions for Tenants

Date:	April 7, 2010
To:	Licensing and Standards Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All

City Council Decision

City Council on March 31 and April 1, 2010, referred Motion MM47.2 to the Licensing and Standards Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Perruzza, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards to report to the May 27, 2010, meeting of the Licensing and Standards Committee on the improvements to the Multi-Residential Apartment Building (MRAB) property standards enforcement program that have been proposed by tenants.

Summary

The City of Toronto has been working to improve the standard of living for tenants across the City through the enforcement of property standards in multi-residential buildings. The City is conducting enforcement to bring rental buildings up to the standards set out in the City's bylaws, and landlords are being required to make the necessary repairs and upgrades to rental housing buildings and individual units. The MRAB pilot program utilizes a process of targeted enforcement that successfully identified and improved conditions for tenants in those buildings that have been inspected.

In a recent report (EX 40.4: Multi-Residential Apartment Building Audit Program), the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards outlined plans for the expansion of the program. Tenants across the City have engaged in the process and provided feedback that included ways to improve and enhance this approach, along with ideas for extending the reach of the program.

MRAB program staff have been responsive and engaged with tenants on these ideas, and the recommendation above would provide an opportunity for staff to formally report on some of these ideas and provide an assessment of suggestions for further improvement to the program.

(Submitted to City Council on March 31, April 1, 2010 as MM47.2)