

EX34.3.5

Deputation for EX34.3, 'Implementing Tenants First - Creating a Seniors Housing Unit at Toronto Community Housing Corporation and Transitioning Towards a Seniors Housing and Services Entity at the City', May 14, 2018

From: S.I.T. (Save Improved T.C.H.C. (Toronto Community Housing Corporation))

FACTS:

- 1. In the current funding model, the City provides more money (approx. 69% on average) to a Non Profit & Co-ops subsidized unit compared to a TCHC one. ***
- 2. After almost three years the City of Toronto has not been transparent on how much the 'Tenants First' proposals are going to cost.**
- 3. Splitting off the senior portfolio of 5000 units would lose our economies of scale, ultimately making T.C.H.C. financially weaker. Weaker would result in more private management of buildings, & in hiring/ maintaining less support staff to help with our vulnerable tenants. Amalgamation in 2001 resolved that problem.**

In response, S.I.T. SOLUTIONS for TCHC:

- 1. Permanent Funding Model Now, Not after the October 2018 Municipal Election.** The recent infusion of funds to TCHC is a one time benefit. Give TCHC the equitable funding compared to Non Profits & Co-ops now, not when governments can change. This will help all tenants within TCHC, that includes seniors in mixed housing communities.
- 2. T.C.H.C. keeps the senior portfolio permanently, adding any relevant outside agencies to help. This will therefore protect our economies of scale, & all the accountability mechanisms in place for our tenants (i.e. Mandated Mayor's Task Force Tenant Charter, P.B. (Participatory Budgeting), Tenant Directorates).**
- 3. TCHC should have direct oversight of any new senior agencies, providing accountability to tenants.**
- 4. As the largest stakeholders within TCHC, we request a Referendum Vote by all tenants on all City of Toronto Tenants First proposals.**

SUMMARY:

TCHC Stability: All these constant cuts, & changes only diminishes the efficacy of T.C.H.C., & prevents us for hiring, & maintaining good staff who wonder about their long term career, working here. This is critical for our vulnerable tenants, who consistently see frequent turnovers of staff.

Instead of spending, & losing money breaking it up, T.C.H.C. can use it towards infrastructure Capital repair, & improving support services for all our tenants. This is our home, grown communities, where we want to build on its strengths, tenant/staff collaboration, & not tear it down.

***2016 Operating Budget, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration: 2016 Service Levels, Social Housing System Management, City of Toronto**

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