Tenant Issues Committee

Meeting No. 4
Meeting Date Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Start Time 9:30 AM
Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

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Stairwell Railings and Guardrails

Committee Decision
The Tenant Issues Committee recommends that:

1. Licensing and Standards Committee request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to include the number of orders issued for non-compliant stairwell handrails and guardrails in the annual report of the Multi-residential Apartment Buildings Audit and Enforcement Program.

Origin
(June 13, 2016) Report from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Summary
This report describes the enforcement approaches taken by Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) to respond to non-conforming stairwell railings, wall-mounted handrails and guardrails identified during Multi-residential Apartment Building (MRAB) audits. Municipal Licensing and Standards issues orders under Chapter 629, Property Standards against building owners whose stairwell handrails and guardrails are poorly maintained, in disrepair or are unsafe for continued use. In cases where the stairwell handrails and guardrails are in good repair but non-conforming to the most current requirements in the Ontario Building Code, building owners receive a notice advising of the non-compliance.

Legal Services was consulted in the preparation of this report.

Background Information
(June 13, 2016) Report from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards on Stairwell Railings and Guardrails
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/td/bgrd/backgroundfile-97607.pdf)

Speakers
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