

Dear Resident,

Since the fire on Friday, November 15, the City of Toronto has led a coordinated response to support residents of 235 Gosford Blvd.

As I told you when I visited on Tuesday evening, the City of Toronto, working beside the landlord, is committed to ensuring that emergency support is provided to impacted residents, including those of you who have stayed for two weeks at York University's facility.

Directly after our meeting, I met with City staff and was in touch with the landlord to convey the specific needs of displaced tenants. My office, working with Councillor Perruzza, has convened meetings and calls in the subsequent days this week to ensure those needs were addressed and that there was a plan to ensure those who need emergency alternate accommodations receive them.

As you know, the emergency reception centre at York will close today, Friday, November 29. At the City's direction, the owner and property management of 235 Gosford Blvd., RonKay Management Inc., has secured alternative emergency accommodations for residents who were staying at the emergency reception centre.

While the landlord is responsible for repairs to the building and coordinating access to the units to retrieve personal belongings, the City, my office, and Councillor Perruzza's office will continue working with the landlord to ensure these steps are undertaken as quickly as possible.

Based on your feedback given to me and Councillor Perruzza, we have also assisted in ensuring a much more robust process of communication with you and I hope you will see some of those results soon.

I know this situation is terribly frustrating and disheartening for many of you. I want you to know that the City will continue to provide support, and work with your landlord to ensure you can return to your homes as quickly as possible.

I will look forward to seeing you again as I plan to visit the community to receive additional feedback and check on your well being

Sincerely,

John Tory

Mayor of Toronto