

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee**

**Meeting 4**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in Committee Room 3, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Chair  
Councillor Frances Nunziata  
Councillor Cliff Jenkins  
Councillor Shelley Carroll  
Councillor Michael Walker

Regrets:

Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Pam McConnell

No declarations of interest pursuant to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* were made.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on September 25, 2007.

**3.1 2007 Status Report: Applications under the Tenant Support Grants Program**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (January 11, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support & Housing Administration, forwarding a summary update of all outstanding applications received under the Tenant Support Grant Program as of December 31, 2007.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee received the memorandum for information.

### **3.2 2007 and 2008 Budgets for Tenant Support and Tenant Programs**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (January 16, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support & Housing Administration, forwarding a chart with information about budgeted amounts and funds spent for the Tenant Support and Tenant Programs for the period 2007-2008, and advising that the 2008 proposed operating budget for Tenant Support and Programs has been maintained at 2007 levels.

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee received the memorandum for information.

### **3.3 927 St. Clair Avenue West (Ward 17)**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a memorandum (January 11, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support & Housing Administration Division, as requested, regarding the development of a process for informing tenants after fires and other emergencies and funding for advertising to contact former tenants.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered the following:

- (a) report (November 2, 2007) from the City Solicitor, as requested, advising that it is the opinion of the Legal Division that there are no viable legal actions that can be brought by the City in respect of this matter;
- (b) communication (September 25, 2007) from the City Clerk.
- (c) report (September 19, 2007) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, as requested;
- (d) report (September 18, 2007) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division; and
- (e) communication (September 12, 2007) from Deborah Wandal, Community Legal Worker, York Community Services.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee received this matter for information.

### **3.4 Tenants' Application in respect of 150 Finch Avenue West**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a report (January 11, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, regarding Tenant Request for Funding in respect of 150 Finch Avenue West (Ward 25 – Don Valley West).

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered the following:

- (a) report (September 11, 2007) from the City Solicitor, as requested, on whether there are any avenues to help the tenants' group at 150 Finch Avenue West; and
- (b) memorandum (September 26, 2005) from Councillor Cliff Jenkins.

Claudia Giraldo addressed the Sub-Committee:

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

1. recommended that the four tenants involved in the Tribunal applications at 150 Finch Avenue West be given a grant from the Tenant Defence Fund equally up to a maximum of \$4,000.00; subject to their identities being confirmed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Shelter, Support, and Housing Administration; and
2. requested the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee at its next meeting on February 21, 2008, or the following meeting on April 14, 2008, on information pertaining to the identity of the four tenants.

### **3.5 Pay for Parking at Various Multi-Residential Rental Properties**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a report (November 2, 2007) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, addressed to the Licensing and Standards Committee, regarding whether landlords can legitimately charge visitors to park at various multi-residential rental properties.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee also considered the decision of the Licensing and Standards Committee from its meeting held on November 30, 2007, on this matter.

The following persons addressed the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

- Dan McIntyre, Program Co-ordinator, Federation of Metro Tenants Association
- Brad Butt, Greater Toronto Apartment Association

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee requested Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Chair, to write to the Planning and Growth Committee in order to ensure that this matter is placed as a top priority due to the concerns raised by the speakers.

### **3.6 88 Broadway Avenue**

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee considered a communication (September 25, 2007) from Councillor Walker regarding a request from the former tenants of 88 Broadway Avenue for a review of the “READY FOR OCCUPANCY” notice issued to them by Westdale Construction Co. Ltd.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee requested the Executive Director and Chief Planner to report on this matter.

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee adjourned its meeting at 11:50 p.m.

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Chair