

## General Torontonians Tenants' Association Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Media Room

Executive Present: Anne Hayes, Jim McCarthy, Kathleen Armstrong, Debbie Malinowski, Margaret Walker, Pamela Robinson, Graeme Adams, Roma Del Bel

Approximately 40 to 50 people present

- 1) Introductions of Executive
- 2) Membership
  - 138 paid-up members
  - 96 have signed up for LTB application
- 3) Report from Treasurer
  - \$4,743.82 in account
- 4) Update on signing of paralegal firm SFG
  - Received a contract at midnight last night.
  - The paralegal team wanted to treat each individual tenant as their customer rather than having the TTA executive act on behalf of the Association.
  - We wanted a contract between the Association and the Paralegals instead.
  - As a result, the paralegals were asked not to come.
  - There are some issues surrounding informed consent that still need to be ironed out.
  - We are questioning the professionalism of this firm because we received the contract so late and it differs from what SFG told the executive in person.
  - Still in negotiations with firm.
- 5) August 28 Meeting with Josh
  - Complaints to Josh relating to Shiplake as Shiplake reps did not come.
- 6) Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 20, with Josh
- 7) Suggestion to contact media
  - Unsure about this course of action. For future consideration.
- 8) Changes to management at Shiplake
  - Ali has been promoted.
- 9) Josh Matlow came
  - Next meeting confirmed with Tenants' Association. **[Is this what is intended here? K]**
  - To be confirmed with Legal and Shiplake (upper levels – Ali).

- Concerns about unfair rent increases.
- Josh considers AGIs unfair to start.
- While they are there **[AGIs exist?]** we need to fight them.
- Section 37 Agreement should be honoured (to do with the new building – Shiplake is violating the contract).
- City legal staff must show up at meetings too.
- We should not have to pay for new amenities in the new buildings only for them.
- Geothermal drilling – they must be respectful because it affects our quality of life.
- Josh said that “Your association has been your advocate.”
- Brief discussion about the City Council being cut in half by Doug Ford partway through the election and how notwithstanding clause has been invoked. Need to protect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- Josh would represent 110,000 buildings rather than the current 70,000 if re-elected.
- Comment taken into consideration suggesting properly vented rooms for marijuana use.
- Some landlords are asking for prohibition of marijuana for the health and safety of some people.

#### 10) Meeting with Shiplake – will discuss

- Geothermal installation
- Renovation of hallways
- Parking garage
- Balconies

#### 11) Newsletters

- Will use this method of communication to stay in contact with members.

#### 12) Paralegal – Next Step

- Speak with senior partner of SFG.