

Deputation - Miguel Avila-Velarde  
Item 3 - Business Arisig from the Public Meeting Minutes  
& Action Items Update  
GCHRC Public Meeting - January 31, 2022

Dear Committee

This morning we had experienced issues with Webex Audio and Phone from my end, thank you to the Board Secretary for allow me access to the Meeting after you voted to “adjourned” the meeting. Thanks for allowing me to speak and be part of the record.

My Name is Miguel Avila, I am a resident of Regent Park, the Tenant Rep at 220 Oak Street, member of the Regent Park Tenant Association and the Coalition for Community Benefits for phases 4 and 5 in Regent Park

I am speaking on Item #3 on agenda:

**GCHRC:2021-34 September 10, 2021 Board and Committee Meetings Rules of Procedures**

Tenants First, I repeat, Tenants First Not Tenants last. specially after this pandemic. we got a lot of work to do in Regent Park we have negotiations with Tridel and TCHC with regards our Community Oversight Working Group, the negotiations have been stalled since November. We are undergoing MEDIATION with the SDP table to meet back at the table and discuss how we create meaningful jobs for people with disabilities, home ownership, retail business opportunities for residents, scholarships, a community space run by Residents and for Residents.

In this comment bellow part of the Consultation presentations, we all voted UNANIMOUSLY:

Comparison

City of Toronto

- Deputations are not permitted at a Council meeting

Toronto Community Housing Corporation

- TCHC permits deputations at either Committee or the Board, regardless of whether a matter has been previously considered at Committee
- The proposed change would end this practice.

**And this is not acceptable to the Tenants in TCHC:**

Proposed

Change A change to the Procedural Rules would result in those matters being

considered, once the Board or Committee had considered all of the matters on the Regular Agenda, meaning that deputations would be heard towards the end of the meeting Agenda.

Today, when an individual wants to make a deputation on a matter that is on a Consent Agenda, the matter to which the deputation relates is removed from the Consent Agenda in order to permit the deputation to take place. The matter is considered at the beginning of the meeting

thank you very much our answer is No!

Currently we are being consulted but today this committee will vote on the recommendations made today. Apparently your adjourned your meeting I miss 23 minutes of AUDIO could not hear, Can I have the minutes of today, please?

Would our recommendations be part of the new policy to be implemented?

1. Management to undertake consultation with former deputants regarding changes that are proposed to the Board's deputation procedure. In progress Q1, 2022 (TSC) Q2, 2022 (GCHRC) General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
2. GCHRC direct staff to amend the proposed Rules in accordance with the comments from Committee members, at this meeting, and bring forward the draft document to the next meeting of the Tenant Services Committee and thereafter to return to this Committee for its further consideration

I have been part of the consultation process and I believe we are meeting again this February 2, 2022

Questions

1. What has your experience been as a deputant to a TCHC Board or Committee meeting?

**I have been a regular deputant to the TCHC since 2011, Mr. Meagher only recognized me for the last 2 years as regular deputing TCHC RESIDENT and I go way back to the days of “We are not Sale”. Tenants for Social Housing we stopped the selling of units during the Rob Ford**

2. Why do you make a deputation to the Board or one of its committee?

**Because no one listens!**

3. When you make a deputation to the Board or one of its committee’s what are your expectations?

**Action !**

A. From TCHC staff?

**Follow up**

B. From Board or Committee members?

**I have invited Jag Sharma to visit the Regent Park Neighborhood Association no answer yet**

4. What is an element of the deputation process that is working well?

**When We return back after the Pandemic: Keep the policies as is and add the following: make PHYSICAL CHANGES to the space where deputant speak like City Hall be able to bring your Laptop, Ipad , project your deputation at the Overhead, Show a video or photographs as we find the best way to approach your table is by “demonstrating” what is wrong and what is right with TCHC.**

5. How would you improve the deputation process? Can we make better use of Board committees for deputations?

**The Final Decision is always at the Board Level. Committees don’t have the power to change the rules of the game and City Hall at the end of the Journey has always the final saying. We should be allowed to have more power at City Hall instead.**

6. If there was a different way for you to communicate your ideas to the Board, would you use it?

**Zoom has proven that using video we can reach out to more tenants, pay an stipend or honorarium to longtime resident speakers like myself who comes to this board to speak since 2010 sharing with you my living experiences living in Regent Park**

**When we return to “normal” I would like to have modifications made to the tenant presentations so we can project short videos or photos because for many of us this is the best way to convey our message to the Board**

7. How would these proposals impact on deputation?

**Tenants First Not Last thank you add more voices to the composition of the board , we need voices that can vote in our favor instead of voting for the corporations wishes like the changes to the deputations process is outrageous we are talking this in 2022. Add people with MOBILITY DISSABILITIES and MENTAL ILLNESS to the Board.**

8. Do you have any additional changes to the Board’s Rules, regarding the Deputation process, that you think that we should consider?

**Again, and recapping enhance the Board Composition so is an equitable and fair representation of the Community and Residents. 50/50 should be the new norm moving forward.**

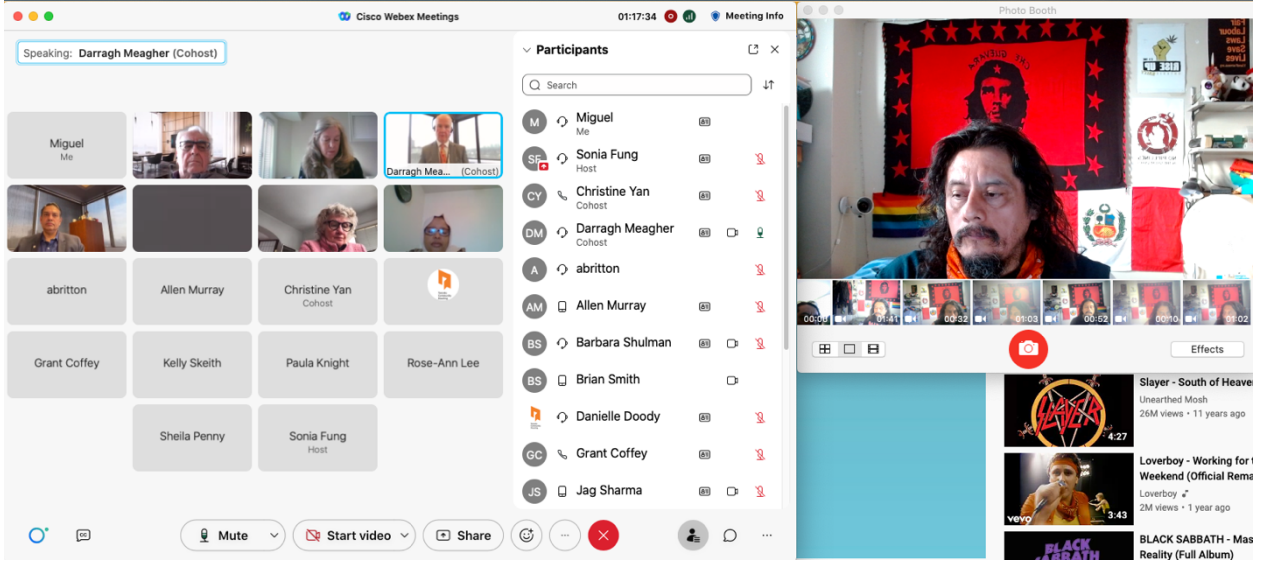
A question from Residents of 220 Oak Street, When the Gym will open back? The Community room is closed to residents we want to enjoy our amenities and if the province is allowing private condos Gym to open back today? When the gym at 220 Oak Street will open up?

Remember Body and Mental Health Matters

**My Video Presentation here: <https://youtu.be/vOKrQUjVrUw>**

Sincerely Always Yours

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