

Deputation - Miguel Avila-Velarde
Item 9A - City Council Diections - Requiring Board Attention
TCHC Board Public Meeting - December 6, 2023

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GOOD MORNING..

In case I go over my 5 minutes of time I send a copy of this deputation to Ms Sonia Fung

My name is MIGUEL , I am a Tenant in good standing, on the lease agreement and the tenant rep of [REDACTED] Street since 2011

Hu.. you are back at 931 Yonge Street the Ivory Tower that is how we call your building old grassroots activists like me.. Chair Campbell John.. as a side story and this is true

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

So we hope that you TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT.. fix your AUDIO problems and return to hybrid mode.. I love to attend in person those very interesting Board Meetings

An activity I have done since 2011.... I was ready to get on my BIKE to 931 Yonge Street..

The December 6, 2023 Board meeting will be conducted from TCHC Headquarters at 931 Yonge Street. In preparing for the meeting, we determined that the technology that we will use to support the broadcast of this meeting does not operate well with the in-room sound system. Given this issue, it may be difficult for anyone attending in person to hear the Board's discussions as we will make limited use of the in-room sound system.

As a result, we would encourage anyone who wants to depute to the Board at this meeting or to follow the Board's discussion to do so online. It is recommended that members of the public watch the Board meeting via YouTube, and if planning to depute, to provide their deputation via Webex.

DOES THIS MEANS that we are moving the Public Meetings from City Hall to 931 Yonge St and we wonder why the site has not been build to address our housing crisis?

Ombudsman Complaint.. we felt that in JUNE... the consultations were not made in a manner that the Residents were fully informed on the ombudsman report with regards human rights complaints..I know we have a TENANT FEEDBACK.. but that is interesting.. hopefully this small babies will address the Human Right policies of TCHC.

Regardless the outcome of the process.. we TENANTS have the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal as an alternative to address Human Rights Complaints.. We can save a TON of money paying COURT SETTLEMENTS and taxpayers money.. money that our Mayor is working hard to provide homes for our HOMELESS , REFUGEES and improving RGI units in Toronto don't waste money use it wisely.

I attended a meeting at [REDACTED] Street.. and people for the first time were aware of the Ombudsman report.. I was aware of it and told them that CEO [REDACTED] will comply with all the recommendations .but he is transition to the City. . and wonder if [REDACTED] will do the same as the INTERIM CEO??? Who are we passing the buck to next time?... [REDACTED]? anyone? It has to stick somewhere for accountability or losing your job maybe at CEO - President? You don't want that eh?

Yesterday I visited City Hall and spoke on item EX10.20. Advancing Generational Transformation of Toronto's Housing System - Aligning Housing Mandates and Strategic Efforts and all the RECOMMENDATIONS were approved and next is City Council next week and this item is coming back to you for your ATTENTION: My comments were in Regard GOVERNANCE

4. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Development and Growth Services, in collaboration with the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, and the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, to include recommendations on further actions required to ensure functional, structural and governance alignment to facilitate the implementation of the City's housing plans and targets, as part of the anticipated Q2 2024 update report on the City-led development model at five 'housing ready' sites, as directed by Council in Item EX9.3.

1. City Council amend section 4.1.2(c) of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Shareholder Direction to authorize Toronto Community Housing Corporation to facilitate the creation of complete communities across the Toronto Community Housing Corporation housing portfolio, through the development and intensification of its lands and buildings, including prioritizing the delivery of net new rent-geared-to-income (RGI), affordable and market rent-controlled homes, in addition to replacement of existing RGI homes, to support delivery of the City of Toronto's housing plans and targets; and direct the City Solicitor to prepare such amendment and submit the appropriate bills to Council.

5. City Council request the City Manager, in collaboration with the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, the Deputy City Manager, Development and Growth Services, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Community Housing Corporation and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to report back with recommendations, based on short-term and longer term strategic considerations, to ensure sustainable operating models for Toronto Community Housing Corporation and CreateTO, following the functional, structural and governance alignment referred to in Recommendation 4.

Here is what I told Mayor Olivia Chow.. that at the TCHC Board we only have 3 tenant directors.. Councilor Paula Fletcher was in attendance btw... during the meeting and I saw Mayor Chow listening with deep interest this matter.. why we don't have equally number participation at this board???? We are going to change the SHAREHOLDERS DIRECTION .. is my understanding for an advancement of the ambitious housing plan of Mayor Chow.. why not include more TENANTS at this board.. we are underrepresented.. we are a MINORITY when we are the majority out there 110, 000 strong tenant voices. That is my Christmas wish to enhance the TENANT ENGAGEMENT in TCHC starting at the Board Level.. Second thing forgot to mention to Mayor Chow.. it is a request from TENANT LEADERS doing the job for you in our buildings. That we deserve an STIPEND an HONORARIUM for our hard work.

Also it is time to address an important matter that I hope it does not become a OMBUDSMAN COMPLAIN..and it gets dully noted today .. December 6 2023.. that we need JOBS at [REDACTED] Street.. We are still WAITING for the GENERAL CONTRACTORS that will execute part 2 of the TOWER RENEWAL of [REDACTED] Street.. btw in 2018 you allocated \$30 million .. after the pandemic those prices have increased subtantionally for construction materials, staff, etc. It is my HOPE since [REDACTED] Street is part of the Social Development Plan of Regent Park we could get good jobs for Tenants.. we have plans to create a SOCIAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE .. a COFFEE - BIKE repair shop... yes that will go a long way than to relying on a FOOD BANK extra money for your GROCERY BASKET my friends.. we have to create those jobs..

In Regent Park during phase 1,2 and 3 only 32 Full Time JOBS were created that is shameful no jobs for people with Mental Health .. a barrier for some people like me.. I am a COMMUNITY ANIMATOR of Regent Park.. This is my dream job. I love talking and hearing to people.. teach people, so they can learn.. and become interested in Tenant Engagement .. everyone knows me in Regent Park.. we have a challenge to get more ACCESS to the CONDO BUILDING in the our last SURVEY we capture 20% of the Condo Residents with regards the implementation of the \$26.8 Million Dollars in Community Benefits Packages..

I have [REDACTED] issues and I finally have a part time Job that I can tolerate.. 4 hours that is max.. I can't handle more unless I take a time off, meaning take a CAT NAP to rest my head and start up again..

So we need those jobs that as in my case the SEAS - Support Enhance Access Services Centre contractor of the project hires us to work for TCHC as their main client, that we can do at [REDACTED] Street via DIXON HALL to hire TENANT AMBASSADORS during the construction site.. to be the BUILDING ANIMATORS..

And perhaps someone can update us on our EBIKE POLICY proposal to the Upper Management.. we asked [REDACTED] our Community Service Coordinator for an update from [REDACTED] .. it's been more than a year we have not received a reply perhaps we can add this item at the next TENANT SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting in 2024???

And

And UPDATE with regards the TOWER RENEWAL that will also next in line .. hopefully you will also address our petitions submitted to the board 55 residents want to meet with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] . Can we ensure that we can have a PUBLIC MEETING to update Residents of [REDACTED] Street with regards the change on the Third Party Security and CSU not addressing NOISE BYLAW COMPLAINTS

So yes let's change the TCHC CULTURE by doing your jobs diligently to address Noise Bylaw Complaints.. a petition signed by 35 tenants with regards the lack of action by Management.. has not been acknowledged or get a proper reply..

Sincerely

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Tenant Representative