

Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

Attendees:

LTTA Steering Committee – Ken Fralick, John Hewko, Sylvia Anstey, Bob Sanderson, Celine Chan
Morguard – Amit Thakur, Senior District Manager
Guests – Councilor Jon Burnside and his assistant

Pat Mearns acted as Secretary in Judy Scolnik's absence

Chairman Ken Fralick opened the meeting at 7:30. He began with the following updates and announcements:

1. Bicycles left outside must be removed now that winter has started.
2. Derelict cars in the parking garage are in the process of being removed.
3. An effort is being made to identify empty or abandoned lockers.
4. Elevator repair progress – 4 should be complete by the end of November and 5 by the end of February.
5. There is still a problem with the inner security door on B1 parking level which is why it remains open.
6. Mr. Viresh Fernando shared his letter to Morguard re rent abatements and tenants rights.

There was an extended discussion about the issue of bed bugs which included the following:

- Two sets of tenants described their experiences with bed bugs. They reported that the spray treatments done by Magical Pest Control were ineffective and that the company did not respond quickly enough when tenants identified the bugs and notified them. There is evidence that steam and heat treatment is the most effective way to kill these pests.
- Pat Maurice provided information about how tenants can protect against bed bug infestation and reminded tenants that having them does not imply an unclean environment in your home.
- Councilor Burnside explained that the bed bug problem is city-wide and is considered a pest problem, not a health issue. He also repeated that transparency is of utmost importance meaning that tenants must keep management informed of this problem in their units.

Councillor Burnside informed the meeting of other local updates:

- Costco's application has been approved by Council but with no gas bar and should open in November 2017. Costco can re-apply for the gas bar 6 months after opening for business.
- Council has agreed to spend \$650,000 on a local community centre.
- There will be a Walmart store built on the north side of Wicksteed once all environmental concerns have been resolved.
- Current work on the Millwood/Laird roadway is a joint Provincial and Metro Hydro emergency project.
- Concrete repairs on the Overlea bridge are ongoing.
- The recent power outage was because of old Hydro equipment. A new transformer will be installed once Morguard had repaired the containing vault.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. Minutes captured by Pat Mearns in Judy's absence.

Next Meeting – December 20th, 2016