



Report on the Eviction of Al Gosling and the Eviction Prevention Policy of Toronto Community Housing Corporation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PURPOSE:

To receive the Honourable Patrick LeSage's "*Report on the Eviction of Al Gosling and the Eviction Prevention Policy of Toronto Community Housing Corporation*".

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

- (1) receive the "*Report on the Eviction of Al Gosling and the Eviction Prevention Policy of Toronto Community Housing Corporation*" from the Honourable Patrick J. LeSage; and
- (2) direct the CEO to develop an implementation plan for review at the August 2010 Board meeting.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

On October 20, 2009, the Board asked the Honourable Patrick LeSage to conduct an independent review of the eviction of Mr. Al Gosling and Toronto Community Housing's policy for preventing evictions. The Board was honoured when Mr. LeSage agreed to lead an independent, third-party review.

Mr. LeSage was asked to focus on three key areas:

- Whether gaps existed that led to Mr. Gosling's eviction and, if so, what remedial measures are needed;

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- How to improve Toronto Community Housing's policies and procedures for preventing evictions, particularly when dealing with tenants who become vulnerable; and
- How Toronto Community Housing's response to vulnerable tenancies can be strengthened.

The review was conducted independently by Mr. LeSage and his team. They received comments and input from Toronto Community Housing tenants, staff and stakeholders through a series of review meetings and through a designated web site and information line.

The review is now complete and I attach a copy of the full report.

These recommendations will have significant impact on tenants, staff and stakeholders. Some can be acted on quickly whereas others will require consultations with stakeholders before taking action. I am recommending that an implementation plan be developed by staff to ensure changes are implemented in a lasting and effective way, while the organization continues its efforts to improve how it serves tenants.



David Mitchell
Chair

Attachment: 1: Executive Summary and Report on the Eviction of Al Gosling and the Eviction Prevention Policy of Toronto Community Housing Corporation