

August 15, 2010

Chair & Members
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Registry of Vacant Buildings Bylaw & Cost Recovery

A number of enforcement agencies have attended a property at 1296 York Street, this year. This property contains a vacant home.

I am aware that Fire Prevention, Police and Bylaw Enforcement are being called to vacant buildings for a variety of infractions, including criminal, fire code and municipal bylaw infractions. There is a cost to the taxpayer to have staff attend these locations. And, I am aware that other cities such as the City of Hamilton, have created a registry for vacant buildings and have included cost recovery as part of the municipal action.

I would request that London Fire Prevention, Bylaw Enforcement and London Police Services, consult as an enforcement team and report back on how to improve on a coordinated joint enforcement approach to vacant buildings, including cost recovery.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Orser', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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