

From: [Mary Blake Rose](#)
To: [PEC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Communication re: Item 4.1 for PEC, April 14
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To whom it may concern,

I am submitting a communication for inclusion in the added agenda for the April 14 PEC meeting. The communication is regarding item 4.1, Tenant Assistance and Relocation Program. Here is my consent: I, Mary Blake Rose, give consent for my communication to be included on a public agenda. My communication can be found below.

Thank you very much,
Mary Blake Rose

Dear PEC Members,

I am writing to express my support for the motion to direct Civic Administration to explore and report back on the feasibility of establishing a Tenant Assistance and Relocation Program for the City of London.

I would like to draw the committee's attention to two planning applications that have come before the committee this year that I think speak to the value of investigating the possibility of such a program.

The first is 550 Ridout St. and 82–90 Kent Street, which came before the committee in February. I spoke about this application and will not belabour the matter here, but the application involved the demolition of close to 40 existing rental units. I was happy to see that between that committee meeting and the subsequent council meeting, the applicant came forward with a tenant plan. While they are not bound to this plan, I was certainly happy to see it come forward, and I hope that they will keep their word.

On the other hand, in January's PEC meeting, the committee was presented with a redevelopment application for 644–664 Southdale Road East and 821 Nadine Avenue. During the Public Participation Meeting, a community member said that the home he was renting was to be demolished as part of the redevelopment process, and asked what the relocation assistance plan was for tenants being displaced. During the committee's discussion, Councillor Pelozza (as Ward Councillor) spoke to the question of assistance for existing renters and attempts that had been made on that front. As of the committee meeting, the developer had not come forward with a relocation and assistance plan for these tenants, and as far as I know, they never did.

Simply hoping that property owners will assist tenants facing eviction due to demolition is a problem because it does not guarantee anything, and some tenants inevitably find

themselves out of luck. Being forced to leave the home one is renting is not simply an inconvenience. For some tenants, it means being thrown into a rental market in which they simply cannot compete.

There are many valid reasons to want to demolish or substantially renovate an existing building, building more housing being first among them. However, getting rid of existing rental housing can put tenants in a very precarious situation. For this reason, it makes sense for Civic Administration to put together a report on the feasibility of establishing a Tenant Assistance and Relocation Program for the City of London.

Sincerely,
Mary Blake Rose
Ward 7 Resident