



Councillor Denise Brown
Chair, Community and Protective Committee
City of London
P. O. Box 5035
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Subject: City Staff Report – Residential Rental Units Licensing Bylaw CP-19

Dear Councillor Brown and Committee Members:

I am writing regarding the City Staff Report related to the licensing of residential properties and targeted property standards enforcement. Fanshawe College continues to support the implementation of this program and would encourage members of the Community and Protective Services Committee to continue supporting it.

Over the past several years since the bylaw came into effect, the registry has been an important tool for Fanshawe College for the health and safety of our students living in rental properties. In fact, Fanshawe College has one of the highest compliance rates in the city which is a good message for parents of our students. The registry gives them the option to check before they secure living accommodations to know that the registration ensures inspections have been conducted and will continue to be inspected every two years. We would also reiterate that having the bylaw implemented as a city-wide program rather than using it in a geographical area, as some other municipalities have considered, was the right decision by the City of London. While we are primarily concerned about the safety and security of students that attend Fanshawe College, we maintain that this is a matter for all tenants throughout the City. The College believes it is important to allow the inspection of the inside of student housing in order to facilitate the creation of a safer environment for students and their neighbours. We have worked, and continue to work, collaboratively with the London Fire Service and the City staff to address safety issues in off-campus housing.

It has been our experience in working with students for many years that a positive and pro-active approach yields positive outcomes. Fanshawe College has supported, and will continue to support the City in its efforts to address property standards through bylaws. We will continue to engage our student government to work with us on off-campus housing issues and educate and counsel our student body to be good neighbours.

Yours truly,

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cc: Dr. Howard Rundle, President, Fanshawe College
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