

Deputation – Ghassan Fayad

Item 5 – Business Arising from the Public Meeting Minutes and

Action Items Update as of July 18, 2025

TCHC BOARD Meeting – October 17, 2025

Good morning:

This deputation is about Item 5, Public Action Item List, and specifically about the Community Safety Unit 2024 Annual Report to the Toronto Police Services Board Manager paragraph.

The trend of the criminal activities in our buildings and neighbourhoods ranges from drug dealing, to trafficking in sex women, to stabbing and shooting. We have local gangs, and we believe that their leaders are connected to organized crime.

One of the reasons behind the spread of criminal activities in our buildings is the culture of silence.

However, every rule has an exemption, and the exemption to the silence in our case is the executive leadership team in TCHC, whom we choose to communicate with. They take our reports and information seriously and act upon it immediately. Otherwise, the common rule is silence.

On the district level, they ask us not to email or report to them. They don't want to hear us reporting about criminal activities or anything else. They ask us to report to the superintendents. The supers don't like to take safety information, so they refer us to the security and the management. Some of the superintendents have an excellent relationship with the drug dealers in our buildings.

On the regional level, it varies from manager to manager and from season to season. They may just take the information and take no action, or they may say that they can't do anything. More recently, there has been some communication; however, until now, we haven't seen any change.

The CSU is in absolute silence about the criminal activities, and especially the drug-dealing trend. They deal with other issues, but not with the serious ones. Once we talk about drug dealing, the special constables or the CSU members on the phone refer us to the management or the advisor. It is not their job. Moreover, when we report threats, harassment or a smear

campaign, they tell us this is freedom of speech and civil rights.

We meet the CSU's advisor after we report them to their supervisors and the CSU's senior executive team. Of course, no action after the meeting when it comes to serious criminal activities. Nevertheless, the CSU's senior team are more responsible and serious.

Another muted mouth group are the representatives, or with the new name, tenant council members, they are silent because the largest voting bloc in the tenants' election is the illegal activities tenants bloc, including the drug dealers, drug addicts, perpetrators and their clients; in addition, to the tenants who harbour in their apartments people who are not on the lease. And further, we should not forget the tenants whose income reports are not true. All of them are the illegal activities voting bloc, and the representative knows that, and they don't want to lose their seats. They have to mind their business and be silent unless they can't be elected.

Finally, the silence of the police is another major factor in the spread of criminal activities in our communities. When we approach them with information, they refer us to report it anonymously to Crime Stoppers, and once we do, the Crime Stoppers website refers us back to the local police. No one wants to take information, so how can they fight the criminal activities?

Thank you,