

APARTMENT BUILDING

Owner files appeal of city repair order

About 25 units in the building had to be vacated as the result of a heavy rain storm in March.

The owner of an apartment building at 88 Cheyenne Ave. in northeast London has filed an appeal against an order made by London's property standards department for repairs to his 54-unit dwelling.

Chaim Shainhouse of Toronto is asking London's committee of adjustment to lift the order, which was made following an inspection of the premises by city officials.

In the wake of the evacuation of about 25 units in March because of rain leaking through ceilings, vents and electrical outlets, inspectors found deficiencies under the city's property standards by-law and ordered the owner to make repairs.

Shainhouse is appealing through his Toronto property agents, Victor Rodrigues & Associates. The appeal is scheduled to be heard by the committee today.

Word of the hearing raised the concern of Alderman Pat O'Brien. The apartment building is in his ward.

"He (Shainhouse) has every right to appeal and have a hearing," he said, "but I don't know what his grounds would be."