

Seeds sown for tenant association

The seeds for a city-wide tenants' association were sown in an east London church basement Friday night.

Organizers of the meeting, who had distributed 4,000 leaflets in the east end, said about 50 people attended a session in St. Matthew's Anglican Church on Dundas Street East to establish a stronger voice for tenants.

About two dozen residents of Eastway Gardens, Cheyenne Avenue, the Dorvan Apartments and the Cascade area signed a form indicating their interest in meeting again.

The session was organized by Cliff Connell, Leo Bouillon and Ron and Donna Green of the Eastway tenants' committee. It included political representation by Controller Jane McEwen, aldermen Dawn Erskine and Bud Polhill, and the New Democrat MPP for Hamilton Mountain, Brian Charlton.

Also on the panel were representatives of two provincial agencies, and Wendy McAshtocker, formerly of the Cheyenne area.

That was the over-all theme of the evening that revolved around tales of mouldy carpets, inadequate carpets, inadequate fire protection, dumpsters that aren't emptied, toilets flooding and apartments overrun with cockroaches, rats and mice among other things.

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