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Councillor Vicent Crisanti  
City Councillor-Ward 1-Etobicoke North  
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**Re: Safety Audit- Ward 1-Etobicoke North**

Dear Councillor Crisanti,

Further to the September 27, 2011 letter sent to you by Len Koroneros, Chief Executive Officer (Interim), Toronto Community Housing Corporation ("TCHC"), I am pleased to provide you the results of the safety audit in response to your request regarding non-functioning cameras in our properties.

In summer of 2011, some of Rexdale communities experienced an increase of violence involving discharge of firearms. Some resulted in death and some sustained injuries. TCHC initiated a meeting with Toronto Police Services ("TPS") 23 Division to exchange information and to develop a work plan to serve Rexdale communities. We established a bi-weekly meeting at 23 Division headquarters.

On September 21, 2011, TCHC & TPS 23 Division conducted a safety walk in Jamestown & Mount Olive communities. We invited you to join but unfortunately you are unable to participate due to your Council schedule.

The results of the safety walk are as follows:

**Mount Olive:**

This community has 7 working cameras at present. During the walk, TPS proposed additional cameras in specific areas. The following day our Information Technology staff accompanied by a contractor reviewed and assessed all cameras and provided additional quotes totalling to \$50,000 + applicable taxes:

- 11 additional Bosch Lo Light Cameras
- 1 March DVR with UPS
- 1 racks & set up

We also identified a number of trees to be pruned and repair burnt out exterior lights. Greenwin have been advised to address the issues.

Other proposals include proper signage of "no loitering", "no alcohol consumption" and "the property is under surveillance".

**Thistletown 1 & 2:**

This community is often referred to as Jamestown although they are two separate communities. One is Jamestown and the other one is known as 1800 Martingrove block. Similar observations were found during the walk and the following recommendations were made:

- Upgrade existing CCTV and add more cameras

- Prune trees
- Repair burnt out lights – please note that parking lot A was dark due to a tripped breaker

Additional CCTV was recommended with the total amount of \$82,000 + applicable taxes:

- 13 Bosch Lo Light Cameras
- 6 Bosch Lo Light Cameras to replace the existing
- 4 march DVR with UPS
- 4 Racks & set up

During the walk, both communities appeared to be relatively quiet with well lit, free of litter and debris surroundings.

Currently, a redeployment process of our Community Safety Unit has been in effect since October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. More Officers were deployed to look after a smaller group of communities. Those communities benefited from this redpolymnt are Mount Olive ,Kendleton Dr and Thistletown 1 & 2. Two Community Safety Officers are assigned to patrol seven days a week. Ward 1 communities will have a mobile coverage where residents can call TCHC security dispatch for emergency issues.

Finally, attached is the CCTV audit for Ward 1 .

Thank you for your concerns and for taking the time to visit our communities.

Sincerely,

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