



230 FIGHTBACK

After being escorted out of the building we then made our way to City Hall to attend a meeting in Committee Room 2 where the CreateTO board was meeting. We were joined by another dozen people at City Hall. We had attempted to contact CreateTO on a number occasions demanding a meeting to discuss 214-230 Sherbourne but our request had been ignored. We came to the board meeting that day to demand a meeting. When we made our way to Committee Room 2 the meeting had already started.

We could see that Vic Gupta, CEO of CreateTO, was there. After waiting a few minutes we disrupted the meeting and demanded that Vic Gupta meet with us. Several 230 Fightback members then began to hand out a letter to the CreateTO board members, city councillors and staff that were at the meeting. The chair of the meeting attempted to bring the meeting to order but she was ignored. A lone security guard in Committee Room 2 at the time attempted stop us from disrupting the meeting but he was also ignored.

As all this was happening Mary Ormond, Chief Legal Counsel & Corporate Secretary at CreateTO, approached us and said that she would meet with us outside the committee room and arrange a meeting with CreateTO if we all left. By now several members of 230 Fightback were holding a banner inside the area where board members were sitting. Security attempted to take the banner but to no avail. Four of us agreed to meet with Ormond in the hallway while the protest continued inside the committee room. We exchanged emails and phone numbers with Ormond and she promised to arrange a meeting with Vic Gupta. While all this was going on unbeknown to us the chair of the meeting had recessed the meeting while security attempted to clear out the room of the protesters. When we entered Committee Room 2 we saw that of the board members, city councillors and staff were gone.

We now faced a bunch of empty black leather chairs and an empty screen. The two dozen protesters and a hand full of security guards were the only ones left in the committee room. Somewhat confused we asked security if they had kicked out the wrong group of people. We then announced to the group that had stayed in the committee room while negotiations were going on that an agreement had been made with Ormond where she agreed that she would work on organizing a meeting with Gupta and CreateTO in the near future to discuss 214-230 Sherbourne. Before we left we took a group picture inside the committee room. We were then promptly escorted out of city hall by security. Our direct actions on October 4th and October 15th sent a strong message to KingSett Capital, CreateTO and the city that we will continue to campaign to have social housing built at 214-230 Sherbourne and that we refused to be locked out of our community.

