



230 FIGHTBACK

230 FIGHTBACK HOLDS ITS THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members and allies of 230 Fightback gathered on January 25 for the organization's third AGM. We took stock of our ongoing struggle to win social housing at 214-230 Sherbourne, in place of a luxury condo tower that the developer KingSett Capital planned to construct at the site.

Our meeting also discussed the place that our particular fight has within the broader struggle for tenants' rights and housing justice in Toronto. Representatives of organizations challenging the developers, confronting the corporate landlords, defending unhoused people and struggling for migrant justice reported on their work and how it relates to the building of a united movement in this city.

230 Fightback reported on our many actions and initiatives to challenge the developer we are up against and to confront the politicians at City Hall who refuse to stand up to the vested interests and tackle the rampant financialization of housing that is causing so much hardship.

We reported on the progress we had made in forcing the city agencies responsible for housing to deal with our demands.

We looked at our growing efforts to forge links with other housing related struggles and to build an alliance in Toronto that can mobilize on a scale that the dire situation we are up against demands of us. Increasingly, we are supporting each other's actions and speaking with a united voice.

Our meeting dealt with the need to pose real housing alternatives at the present moment and to fight for them effectively. After years of recklessly building an oversupply of luxury housing, the condo market has crashed and the communities we represent continue to be abandoned, as the redevelopment process grinds to a halt.

We noted that, in the midst of a grim housing crisis, tens of millions of dollars and vast public resources are being allocated to supporting this year's FIFA World Cup events. We have no quarrel with soccer fans but we are outraged that such expenditures are being made while no serious effort is underway to meet the housing needs of communities. At the same time, we utterly oppose the Carney government's moves to massively increase military spending, while imposing austerity and social cutbacks on our communities.

We resolved to organize a housing justice assembly and a major march on the streets in the lead up to the World Cup in order to raise the demands of our communities and advance our struggles.

Three years of determined organizing and ongoing mobilization have ensured that 230 Fightback has emerged as a powerful challenge to the destructive greed of the developers in Toronto's Downtown East. We have contributed to the building of a city-wide movement for housing justice and, during 2026, that struggle will be taken forward.