

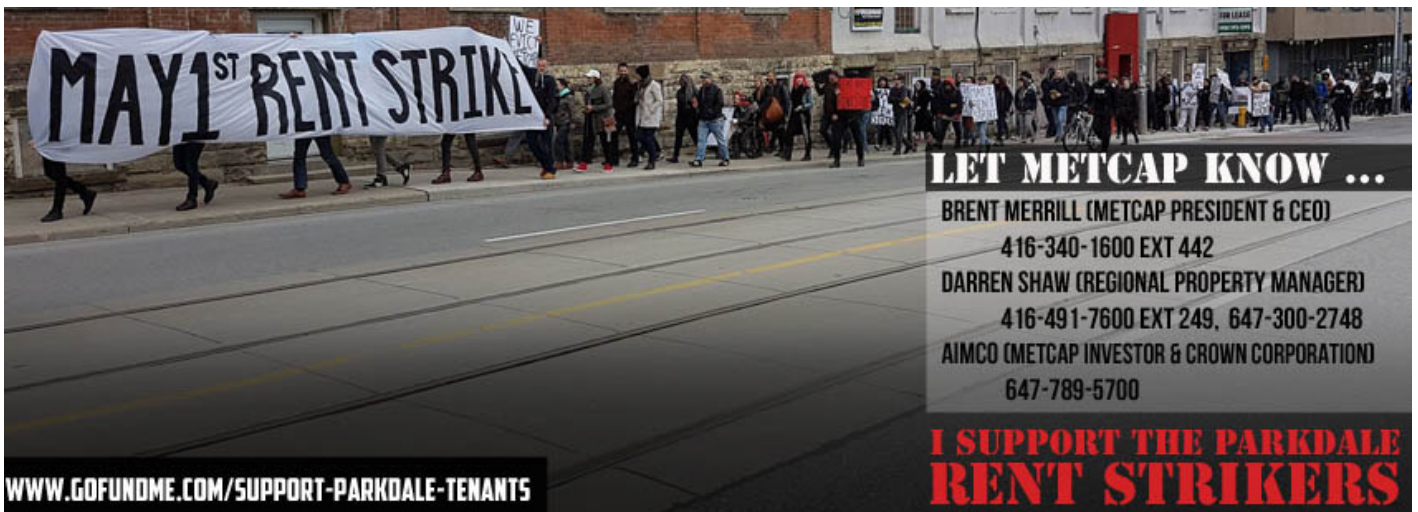
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THE PARKDALE RENT STRIKE IS GROWING JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS ON RENT STRIKE JUNE 1ST



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**I SUPPORT THE PARKDALE
RENT STRIKERS**

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On May 1, 200 MetCap tenants in Parkdale held back their rent. We demand MetCap withdraw its applications for rent increases that are above the approved guideline and that they do all necessary repairs in units. As of today, May 14, rent strikers have not received any eviction notices (N4s) from MetCap. This gives us an opportunity to recruit even more neighbours in more buildings to join the rent strike June 1.

Rent strikers have been organizing and taking action. When MetCap tried to bully our neighbours who hung banners from their balconies and in their windows, we fought back. We filled the lobby at 135 Tyndall and stopped MetCap from going into our neighbours' homes. Then we dragged MetCap into a media storm to show everyone how they treat working class tenants.

On April 30 we filled the streets of Parkdale to demonstrate our growing numbers and power. Neighbours cheered us on and waved from their balconies as we marched up Jameson and Tyndall. On May 4 we protested MetCap's investor, the Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo), at their offices on Bay Street. In the past 10 days

we have raised over \$20,000 dollars for the rent strike defense fund. Every day more money keeps coming in from supporters all across Canada. This fund will be used to help rent strikers pay the \$190 fees the court may charge them. Today is May 14 and no eviction notices have yet gone out. Why? Because MetCap is scared of what will come next.

We must continue organizing.

We need more neighbours to join the rent strike on June 1st. There are 19 buildings in this neighbourhood managed by MetCap. That's about 1200 units. If even half of those units hold back their rent, MetCap would lose well over half a million each month.

If, like many of us in Parkdale, you can't afford this rent increase or you want to stop your neighbours from being priced out of their homes, join the rent strike. If you are sick and tired of MetCap not doing repairs and want to build some real power for working class people in our neighbourhood, join us. We can win but only with your participation.

ORGANIZE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS.

JOIN THE RENT STRIKE JUNE 1ST.

WE ARE PARKDALE!

ON JUNE 1 WE HOLD BACK OUR RENT.

There is strength in numbers. The more of us that hold back our rent, the better. We may get letters from MetCap telling us to pay or move out. This is just a warning letter meant to scare you. We don't have to move or pay at that time. If we pay by the end of the 14 day period given in the letter, that's the end of it. If we decide to keep the rent strike going past the 14 day period, MetCap can take us to court. If they do we will get letters with our court dates. We can pay rent at our court dates and avoid eviction.*

We decide when to end the rent strike with our neighbours in our buildings. There will be lobby meetings in our buildings to make these decisions. Some of us are purchasing money orders to keep the rent money safe and out of our accounts. Money orders cost \$7.50 and can be purchased at any bank, the post office, or Money Mart or any other cheque cashing spot. If you need help paying for a money order, we can pay for it or reimburse you. We may also be able to help cover NSF charges.

Talk to your neighbours if you have any questions or concerns, or call or email Parkdale Organize.

* If we decide to hold back rent after the 14 day period in the letter, you can still pay your rent at court to stop the eviction. However, the court may require you to pay the landlord's filing fee of \$190. So far, we have raised \$20,000 for the rent strike defense fund to be used to help rent strikers pay these fees.

** For legal information contact Parkdale Community Legal Services, 416-531-2411.

Buildings on Rent Strike since May 1:

87 Jameson Avenue
90 Jameson Avenue
91 Jameson Avenue
200 Jameson Avenue
135 Tyndall Avenue
32 Maynard Avenue

Buildings to Join Rent Strike June 1:

169 Jameson Avenue
99 Dowling Avenue
150 Dowling Avenue
47 Spencer Avenue
75 Spencer Avenue
60 Tyndall Avenue

It's Parkdale vs. MetCap.
Join your neighbours.

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