



Peterborough Fire Services Media Release

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Peterborough, Ontario

Property Closed for Fire Code Violations

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, Peterborough Fire Services (PFS) conducted a fire safety inspection at 494 / 496 Bolivar St. under the Ontario Fire Code.

Fire Prevention Inspectors identified numerous Fire Code violations within the combined property, which was operating as a rooming house. Inspectors noted issues with missing fire alarm and detection equipment, damaged or missing fire separations, and a lack of emergency planning. As a result of these significant fire and life safety concerns, the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management has granted PFS authorization to close the property.

Peterborough Housing and Social Services are supporting tenants who are seeking alternative accommodations. Tenants were provided with information during the fire safety inspection regarding alternative accommodations. Anyone from this premises requiring support is encouraged to call 705-743-2272 and speak with the Housing Resource Centre or contact Social Services at 705-748-8830.

Fire Services had received complaints regarding fire safety concerns with the property. In October 2016, the owner was convicted of Fire Code violations and was issued a fine of \$10,000, plus court costs and victim surcharges. Today's inspection resulted in an "Inspection Order and Authorization to Close" being issued to Si-Hwa Liou from Scarborough. Liou is scheduled to attend Provincial Court in December to address additional Fire Code charges.

"With recent fire occurrences and the unfortunate loss of life in Peterborough, we remind all Peterborough residents to ensure they have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms," said PFS Chief Fire Prevention Officer Cathy Robertson. "Our staff is available to assess fire safety compliance and ensure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are properly installed and operational upon request."

Fire safety assessments and Fire Code Compliance Inspections can be arranged by calling 705-745-3284 during business hours.

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