

Ten Years on

December 2010

The discussion board of the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations has been sporadically monitored over ten years. Much of it has already been posted on the FMTA watchers site, especially the 'clip and save' section. But it is time to do a dump of the files, and put the more interesting postings up.

It shows the same patterns and the same language over a very long time. It shows the mentality of these people. It shows their obsession with eliminating any potential competition.

It is interesting that they rarely mention this FMTA site, and its predecessors ourlives and freelives. Only these actually dealt specifically with FMTA. It may be because they have no answer for it and can only hope that people will not see it in the first place.

What they have been really obsessed about has been the Toronto Tenants web site which says nothing about FMTA but gives the kind of useful information which should be on the FMTA's web site if it was hat it claims to be. But they seem incapable of doing it for themselves.

Instead, they have conducted this harassment campaign to try to force the site's owner to turn over his work to them, and to work under their orders. This is typical of the behavior of opportunistic fake left groups. Groups like FMTA are the haven of people who want power but have no ability.

Many of the postings here are incitements to violence, or to laying false charges, or relational harassment against people. Also, notice how they constantly suborn people to do exactly what they are accusing their enemies of.

One of the more depressing things about this is the number of people who have tried to 'reason' with FMTA. All they ever were was props or sounding boards for the FMTA, to encourage their followers to continue the bullying campaign against any threat to their funding and control. All of them finally gave up.

For ten years now, complaints about these people and their abuse of government funds has been stone walled at city hall. With the Ford administration, it is time for this nonsense to finally end.

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Re: Tenant forum

Posted by Paul Samuelson on 11/28/2001, 9:40 am , in reply to "Re: Tenant forum"

209.197.169.24

It was an outstanding forum! We need to have a second even bigger one. There were a thousand people in the council room and I hear there were another thousand split between 2 big committee rooms. To make sure there are more meetings people should write about how great it was to:

for email rho@city.toronto.on.ca

FAX 338-1144

or by regular mail to

City of Toronto Rental Housing Office

Shelter Housing & Support

55 John Street, 6th Floor

Toronto ON M5V 3C6

There were a few problems with the forum. The provincial politicians came in to steal the show. Next time to make it a non-partisan affair representing tenants the city should put the Federation in charge of the event.

Then there was a psycho attacking the tenants movement at the end who should not have been allowed to go on.

There was a landlord in a suit claiming to represent tenants handing out reports before the meeting to mislead tenants and he should not be permitted to city hall for the next one.

Dan's speech was great.

We all need to get behind the Federation. Join today.

The meeting went well to the shagrin of all the landlords and others trying to destroy it. I was told that there is a Harris supporter who has his own 'tenant' web site who was trying to get people out to the forum in support of Harris! No tenant with a brain would do such.

Great work Dan!

Great source for tenant info

Posted by Dave on 12/22/2001, 10:44 pm

216.218.230.98

<http://www.geocities.com/torontotenants>

Ontario and Toronto Tenants

is the best site for tenant information but he refuses to answer email or help anybody directly

<http://rentersnews.net>

is the official website of the Greater Toronto Tenants

Association. They help thousands of tenants and do great work organizing buildings

Have a problem? Join them.

<http://www.ourlives.ca>

Is the Our Homes Toronto Web site with good information on how other countries are creating affordable housing when Canada and Ontario wont

The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations who gets hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly for whatever they do have this discussion board and the accompanying web site and for all this money the sites suck. What good are you to anybody?

You have sold tenants out to the politicians who pay your wages.

Re: Great source for tenant info

Posted by Darlene Stimson on 12/24/2001, 1:35 pm , in reply to "Great source for tenant info"

142.154.52.231

You should be aware that the "Greater Toronto Tenants Association" is one man named Paul York. He is dedicated to drumming up business for an agent named Dale Ritch. There is no association per se and his business name has lead some people to believe he was associated with the FMTA.

The FMTA does help tenants access grants from the city to fight above-guideline rent increases. For \$15 you can become a member and access their financial statements; you seem to be misinformed about their financial resources.

I'd rather see their money going to working with tenants to fight for their rights instead of spending mega-bucks for a fancy web site.

Perhaps you should try actually talking to the people at the FMTA or some of the thousands of tenants they have really helped (unlike the Greater Toronto Tenant Association). Just a thought.

Re: Great source for tenant info

Posted by Kenn on 12/29/2001, 1:39 pm , in reply to "Great source for tenant info"

128.241.245.34

These site are meant to kill the tenants movement - lets kill these web sites. They are right wing nuts helping the Harris government and the landlords. EVERYBODY NEEDS TO GET INVOLVED TO FIGHT THESE SITES.

For the first one that is stealing your keywords and other materials from your web site everyone needs to email

abuse@geocities.com and complain to them about the theft by <http://www.geocities.com/torontotenants> and get them to take down that site.

Does anyone know who provides the rentersnews web site or who to complain to?

For the last one I found out it has an archive of all of the offensive materials at www.yahoo.com/groups/ourlives-toronto
The complaints to get him shut down need to go to abuse@yahoo.com
All three of them make money off of the backs of poor tenants and must be stopped.

Re: Great source for tenant info

Posted by Francesca on 1/3/2002, 9:27 am , in reply to "Great source for tenant info"

209.250.153.18

I just had a quick look at the sites mentioned in the original posting.

Tenants need as much help and information as they can get, but one really has to question the motivation of people who seem to want to divide the tenant movement, and in particular, slag the FMTA.

At the www.ourlives.ca site, the copy said that the FMTA "disrupts" tenant actions. This is idiotic if not downright

libelous. I am one of the volunteers Dan mentions in his post. My building (a small one) was fighting an AGI. We had few resources and no money. I found out about the FMTA and got their literature, then arranged for meetings with Dan and my fellow tenants. Dan came twice to our building, both times on Sundays, to explain our options and help form a strategy. I called him several times over the course of preparing our dispute and he was always helpful.

When we have our volunteer meetings in the early evening at the FMTA offices, nearly every time, one or another of the staff have to rush out to an evening meeting with tenant groups somewhere in the city.

To say that the FMTA is anything but a terrific help to tenants is a BIG FAT LIE.

Re: Great source for tenant info

Posted by kmilburn on 1/30/2002, 5:23 pm , in reply to "Re: Great source for tenant info"

24.43.132.31

I have to agree with you.

Dan also helped out with our building too. We had a meeting at the local library in Weston at 7pm and Dan was there to explain what we were facing as tenants and how much of an increase we were realistically facing. The land-Gouger wanted a 16% increase! Dan left at 8:30pm and probably didn't get back home till after 9:30pm. I had another strategy meeting with him downtown on a Saturday afternoon for an hour or two.

The FMTA provided invaluable information and the Outreach Team provided even more info and insight to a possible strategy to deal with the increase.

Anyone who says that \$300,000 is misspent on the FMTA is dilusional. Three full time personel and an office the size of large closet isn't what I'd call extravagant.

Mayor Mel gets more in salery and perks!

We need to fight these right wingers working for the landlords

Posted by Francesca on 3/12/2002, 12:10 am

209.114.223.139

There is a right winger who supports the landlords who has been trying to destroy the tenants movement.

He has stolen the keywords toronto tenants from the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations the group that is recognized by the city of Toronto as being the voice for tenants for over 27 years.

We need as many people as possible to make complaints against him to get his email and web site using these stolen keywords taken down.

Complain to abuse@3web.net and make various complaints about his account torontotenants@3web.net and say he has been spamming you.

Complain to abuse@geocities.com and make various complaints about his web site <http://www.geocities.com/torontotenants> and also say he has been filling up your mailbox with unwanted spam emails.

This should fix that Tory once and for all.

Rent increase above the guideline and the Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday May 9, 2002 at 9

Posted by Mohammad on 5/8/2002, 11:08 am

198.96.134.61

1154 Wilson Ave. (Keele & Wilson)

Landlord's Name

Briarlane Property Management Inc.(D.I.S Wilson)

TO: The Outreach and Organizing Team

I have called on Monday May 6th, 2002 and left the message with person by the name of Darlene for any member of this team to call me to discuss rent increase above the guideline and the Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday May 9, 2002 at 9:30 AM. I was informed that someone would get back to me before the end of the day. I waited and called back hours later, got the same response.

I called on Tuesday May 7, 2002. Once again I was asked to leave a message and someone would call me back. I informed the person that I have left messages since yesterday. She said ìl will leave a big reminder on their deskî. Hours later I called but got the same response that some one will call me back.

I called on Wednesday May 8, 2002, and spoke to Mrs. Nayyer and mentioned that I have been calling since Monday and no one has returned me call. Furthermore, we have a hearing date for Thursday May 9, 2002 and need to speak to the team ASAP. She informed me that members of the team are not in until 1:30 PM. However, I will leave another reminder for them to call you.

I have also called Barbara Hurdís office and left message with her rising my concern as to why it is taking so long for some one to call me back.

I also have call Mayor of Toronto Mr. Mel Lastman to find out why there is funds called ìTenant Defence Fundî and yet no one from the Federation of Metro Tenantsí Associations looking after our matter. Mayorís office also connected me with City Clarkís office, she and I both left a message.

Please make note that I will find out as to why no one is calling me back. As of today I have concluded that since my name is Mohammad, my rights might have been violated. If that is the case I will file this issue to the ìOntario Human Rights Commissionî.

Please would some one from The Outreach and Organizing Team return my call ASAP(Dan, Marcia or Michelle) before I take this to the next level.

Looking forward to you call.

Mohammad

Re: Rent increase above the guideline and the

Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday May 9, 2002 at 9

Posted by Kenn on 5/8/2002, 1:36 pm , in reply to "Rent increase above

the guideline and the Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday May 9, 2002 at 9"
216.218.230.98

It is clear this is a faked message since Mohammad never left a real email address.

It was probably faked by Paul York, Bob Levitt or Tim Rourke the three right wingers who have been repeatedly posting fake messages here to undermine this web site and the tenants movement. They are willing to do anything to make a buck on the backs of poor

tenants.

The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations has been recognized by the City of Toronto and its Tenant Defense Subcommittee as the only legitimate tenant organization in Toronto and the only one helping tenants. The Federation helps tenants for free something I cant say about those other three paralegals.

If you want to do something to end these faked messages send complaints to:

abuse@3web.net to get them to refuse service to Bob Levitt's torontotenants@3web.net account and

abuse@hotmail.com to get them to refuse service to Paul York's gtta_2001@hotmail.com account.

Re: Rent increase above the guideline and the
Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday May 9, 2002 at 9
Posted by marcia on 5/8/2002, 2:13 pm , in reply to "Re: Rent increase
above the guideline and the Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday
May 9, 2002 at 9"
64.231.125.216

I just want to clarify for people that Mohammad is a real person.

There was a mix up with the message he left for us, and unfortunately we missed his message on Monday.

His building is now being taken care of, and the issue is being resolved.

The Outreach Team endeavors to respond to all messages we receive by the next business day. However we receive an average of over 30 calls per day, and from time to time, mistakes do happen.

Re: Rent increase above the guideline and the
Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday May 9, 2002 at 9
Posted by Dan McIntyre on 5/9/2002, 5:15 pm , in reply to "Rent increase

above the guideline and the Tribunal hearing date that is on Thursday
May 9, 2002 at 9"
24.103.70.93

An update on Mohammad's situation. Their case was adjourned
because of the short notice.

We have been able to send him a bunch of info to help at the
hearing, and we will be meeting with the tenants at his building
next week.

We are human. A note was passed to me on Monday. I absent mindedly
put it aside. We have taken internal steps to ensure such a
mistake doesn't happen again.

So, we are back on track for these tenants.

Quislings among us

Posted by Paul Samuelson on 5/28/2002, 10:41 pm
209.197.166.130

I dont know who is worse: the landlords or those who pretend to be
tenants to profit off of us.

Seems Levitt is complaining on his fake tenant group web site
Ontario Tenants that he is getting too many users and they are
jamming up his system so nobody can access his web site.

Let's do him a favor and visit his site often so nobody can get
through to it at www.geocities.com/torontotenants/

Even better is to complain that he ripped you off or spammed you.

Send those complaints about him and his geocities web site to
abuse@geocities.com so we can get him shut down for good.

There is still Paul York and his fake Greater Toronto Tenants
Association at www.rentersnews.net

You can complain about his site to katie@rentersnews.ca which is
the real Renters News which is a free magazine with apartment
listings. He uses the website name to confuse people just like
Levitt does.

Any ideas on the third of these crooks Tim Rourke?

His web site is www.freelives.ca

The Toronto Star For Rent Magazine sticks it to tenants

Posted by Paul Samuelson on 7/12/2002, 6:49 pm
209.197.171.83

The Toronto Star For Rent Magazine came out today and their
Questions & Answers column have replaced the expertise of the
Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations with the usually

inaccurate statements of Paul York.

It is a supplement with landlord advertising only and it was probably the landlords who forced them to get rid of the expert tenant advocates at the FMTA and to push for them to be replaced by Paul York.

There are lots of questions about Mr. York and all the money he gets out of tenants and elsewhere and how he can afford all of his advertising and flyers and the people to distribute them.

I have seen a site that is supposed to give the background on Mr. York. Can anyone confirm the accuracy of the ca.geocities.com/tenantstogether web site?

The Federation of Metro Tenants has 25 years of expertise - with lawyers Legal Aid Ontario the city of Toronto and Community Information Toronto supporting them. These groups do not feel that anybody except the FMTA has the necessary knowledge to assist tenants in legal manners.

The Star has decided that Paul York should be advising the tenants of Toronto. Some people have described Mr. York as a 'snake oil salesman' who flyers buildings telling of an 'emergency meetings' in a day or two where he says they have to join his group on the spot or face the consequences.

If you believe that the legal experts at the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations must be reinstated as the advisers to the For Rent's Questions & Answers column call Linda Barnard at the Star (416) 945-8631 email her at twarren@thestar.ca and send a copy to the Toronto Star Ombudsman ombud@thestar.ca Getting an accurate source of information back into this column will save many tenants much grief.

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Re: The Toronto Star For Rent Magazine sticks it to tenants

Posted by Kenn on 7/14/2002, 8:28 pm , in reply to "The Toronto Star For Rent Magazine sticks it to tenants"

65.19.131.218

I urge everybody to contact the Star to complain.

What are they thinking listing Paul Yorks fake tenant group and publishing advice from somebody with no experience or knowledge?

Speaking of fake tenant groups I urge everybody to email Bobby Levitt torontotenants@3web.net and demand he stop trying to split the tenants movement with his copycat tenant web site. Give him the Hell he deserves. Send emails to his service provider abuse@3web.net and demand he take down his fake tenant group web

site.

Re: The Toronto Star For Rent Magazine sticks it to tenants

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 7/15/2002, 11:48 am , in reply to "The Toronto Star For Rent Magazine sticks it to tenants"

24.103.70.93

I have modified the 2 postings concerning the Toronto Star use of Paul York as an expert on answering questions from tenants.

I completely agree that it is inappropriate for the magazine "For rent" to use him. He is not an expert, does not operate a Hotline, and has no special training in this law.

I have not yet seen the publication, but I am told that at least one answer is inaccurate. I will post a follow up if I am wrong about that.

The modifications retain the flavour of criticizing the magazine for using him as an expert, but I have toned it down and taken out speculation (which is different than opinion).

This issue goes back to a recent edition where it was published in an answer given by FMTA that the annual guideline was 2.9%. It is believed that this question was answered in 2001 when that was the guideline, but was published in 2002 when the guideline was the current 3.9%. Since then, the magazine has chosen to use other sources for its answers. I have asked our administrator to straighten this out.

Another reason for modification is that neither writer can be confirmed. I would point out that "Kenn" is not Kenn Hale (the well known tenant lawyer and long time Board member of FMTA). I think I must be careful even with "friendly" posts.

The real issue here is that Paul York should not be answering questions in a magazine on tenant rights. As such, readers are free to contact the Star and make your views known.

The other real issue is that tenants need the best services available and a united tenants organization.

Stop the fake Tory web site

Posted by Jack on 7/29/2002, 2:22 pm

216.127.82.99

Bobby Levitt is going for a Tory nomination in the next election.

This is the same ass who has his fake tenant web site to confuse and divide the tenants movement.

It is urgent that people complain about this site NOW!! Email abuse@geocities.com and complain about www.geocities.com/torontotenants and tell them the site spams you over and over to ask for money and wont take you off of his mailing list.

We need a united tenant front before the next election and dont need Tories misleading the public with false web sites like that one.

Board Administrator

Robert Levitt administers a web site with an address that is similar to our address (which we were using first)

If you stumble across this web site, please be advised of the following.

The home page of this web site contains false and malicious statements about the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations. Although the FMTA is not specifically named, the reference is to a certain group that is funded by the City.....and we are the only Tenant Organization that receives money from the City pursuant to contracts for tenant services.

1. We do not copy copyrighted materials from Levitt's site or any other site.
2. We have never attempted to shut down the Levitt site (although that may soon change)
3. We have never sent a virused e-mail to any one.
4. We are not in cahoots with the City to have tenants pay higher taxes. We are on record as opposing multi-residential taxes.
5. We have no interest in copying or using a "press" release from the North Toronto tenants Network. We have already issued our own statement which can be found in the Advocacy and Action section of this web site.
6. Although Levitt is despicable, we do not want to cut off his internet access

As many of my friends and associates know, I have usually taken the approach that non-credible statements by self proclaimed tenant activists who seek to undermine us...are not worthy of response.

But Levitt's web site does (for the moment) enjoy some credibility. I have recently recommended it to some one looking for some specific information that is not on our web site. You will find posts on here from me about his web site.

However, the FMTA is more than a couple of people that levitt has a childish dislike for. The FMTA is our members, our volunteers

(including our Board members), our full and part time staff....and the thousands of tenants we work with throughout the City.

We ask all reasonable people to treat any statement seen by him with the same disdain as I do.

However, I believe that this behaviour of Levitt's can not continue to go unchecked.

Yesterday, I sent him an e-mail which denied all his allegations and asked him to remove them from his web site by today.

The web site continues to carry this offensive material.

By the way, he also has a new e-mail address, which again copies, in part, from the e-mail addresses used by FMTA staff.

Surely, the FMTA has rights, and hopefully there are laws to deal with this kind of internet abuse.

I will try to contact his host "geocities" and will be contacting lawyers if necessary.

Just another note. Most of the garbage placed on the internet seems to go up at the start of a weekend. This stuff went up on Friday night.

Re: Robert Levitt

Posted by Kenn on 9/1/2002, 4:34 pm , in reply to "Robert Levitt"
65.19.131.218

We don't need a copycat web site by somebody trying to split and profit off of the tenants movement.

Send him a message!

Email abuse@geocities.com and complain about www.geocities.com/torontotenants/ and let them know about his plagiarism. Demand they take down his web site for his abuses. Copycats never prosper.

Re: Robert Levitt

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 9/2/2002, 10:53 am , in reply to "Robert Levitt"
24.103.70.93

An update.

Robert Levitt has now modified his home page after I contacted geocities.

However, the modifications only dilute his vile message that people are copying his stuff, trying to shut him down, and sending him virused e-mails.

Arguably, his dropping of a clear reference to the FMTA is an improvement. Now he villifies innocent people with a broader

brush.

If some one reads his front page, they might inquire through e-mail for more specifics and we would be quietly maligned. He is still using "torontotenants". The whole offending paragraph needs to be removed and the name of his sight should be changed. I will give him until tonight to do so, before I contact geocities again. By the way, his "secret" press release can be found elsewhere on the internet. Even if we were the copycats he says that we are.....nobody would copy that release. If any one can find a single piece of material on our web sight that is copied or violates any copy right.....let me know.....but I sure do not see any. Happy Labour Day, brothers and sisters.

Re: Robert Levitt

Posted by Kenn on 9/4/2002, 12:59 pm , in reply to "Re: Robert Levitt"
209.25.130.194

I agree about the bad information. I check the site at least weekly to see what's new that goes up. Much of what is on the site is dead wrong and can leave tenants homeless if they take it seriously. **I wonder what the real purpose of the copy cat site is but if tenants knew about his criminal convictions for fraud they would avoid his site like the plague.** We need a united tenant front to bring back tenants rights and there are two things tenants can do to bring that about. First: JOIN THE FEDERATION! Paste the following into your address box and hit go <http://www.torontotenants.org/applicat.htm> Membership in the Federation is only \$15 a year for individuals, but if you sign up your building, with only a 3 units necessary to qualify, it goes down to only \$10 per unit - a bargain in anybody's books. And if you want, you can also send them more than that to ensure there is someone fighting for your rights. Second: as a tenant you have an obligation to expose the frauds out there like Levitt's web site. Email abuse@geocities.com and complain about his copy cat www.geocities.com/torontotenants web site. **Let them know about how wrong much of the info on his site is and how they could get sued as accessories if they don't take down his site.**

fighting for positive change for tenants

Posted by tinio on 9/6/2002, 11:42 pm

64.229.11.187

Hello all:

I've noticed of late a tendency on this board for some tenants to slag others (often masquerading as FMTA personnel or past personnel to do so).

This does not really make sense to me. For a while, I was wondering if landlords were infiltrating the board...but am saddened to realise that this negative presence is Bob Levitt a tenant who clearly is working with the landlords.

He is very skilled with the internet and has copied much from the Federations website but inaccurately. Now he is diverting tenants away from a true tenants site to his own as a strange bedfellow with the landlords.

As tenant duty council at the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal I can tell you his geocities site is one you can never trust.

I do not understand his petty little disputes and why he would want to hurt the tenants movement but nonetheless he does.

Why not channel these energies into fighting productively for change? The fight, in my view, should be against bad landlords and the laws that nourish them, rather than against other tenants.

Rest assured that the landlords are not out there slagging and carrying on petty and groundless little disputes against one another. They are way too busy counting their money and organizing powerful lobby groups to keep the government on their side and tenants in their place. He should be working with the Federation and not against tenants.

Regards

Kristina

Together we are strong! Keep up the energy

Posted by Sally on 9/7/2002, 5:50 pm , in reply to "Re: Robert Levitt"

209.197.170.23

Good work.

I visited the site and did not find the bad items and the ones he copied from you which shows that keeping the pressure on him worked.

But dont get complacent. For the sake of the tenants movement and tenants rights we all have to keep up the energy.

EVERYBOD e-mail abuse@geocities.com right away and demand they take down their torontotenants web site. The more people who do it the quicker it will happen and the bigger the message it will send to anybody who tries to set up another fake tenant site like this

again.

Let them know they cant get away with it.

Tenants speak with one loud unified voice and that is the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations.

Re: Robert Levitt"

200.221.10.240

I didn't see the other offensive stuff you mentioned when you first posted about it but I do see a couple of lies against the Federation on the www.geocities.com/torontotenants/ site On www.geocities.com/torontotenants/linkarti.html under underfunding legal aid there is the false claim that the Federation supported the Harris government on the legal aid act that froze funding to clinics and it links to another false page www.geocities.com/torontotenants/agency/barbhenk.html that is supposed to be a transcript of what Federation reps said at a hearing where they are arguing against the Liberals and NDP. This is clearly a faked document.

Everybody should contact abuse@geocities.com to get both of those documents taken down.

Re: Illegal Drugs

and The ACT"

65.19.131.218

It had to be that ass Bobby Levitt who got a fake story into NOW saying we support the eviction of tenants.

It is clear he set up his fake tenant web site because he is trying to get huge government grants out of his web site.

Email NOW_letters@nowtoronto.com and let them know they were tricked by that idiot and it is a false story they ran.

Give them HELL!!!

Email abuse@geocities.com and complain about his fake torontotenants web site and demand they take down that useless site. Dont let him get away with destroying the tenants movement.

E-mail Scam??

Posted by Denise on 9/21/2002, 10:22 am

64.229.12.48

Does anyone know if this e-mail is legit? I have looked at the

Ontario Tenants geocities site and it doesn't look to me run by landlords or ppl who work for them???? But I'm new to all this and perhaps naive... please advise

----Original Message-----

From: David Burns [mailto:davidburns86@mailandnews.com]

Sent: September 19, 2002 11:27 PM

To:

Subject: Stop those trying to destroy the tenants movement

There are several people who work for landlords trying to divide and destroy the tenants movement.

We need to get rid of their misleading web sites they use to do this. They say they are tenant groups when they are not.

Those web sites are the Ontario Tenants Toronto Tenants

<http://www.geocities.com/torontotenants/> run by Tory Bob Levitt.

Complain about his site to abuse@geocities.com You can say he spammed your mailbox or that he was falsely claiming to be a charity to get money out of you or something like that.

The other web site is the fake Greater Toronto Tenants Association

<http://www.rentersnews.net> and you can complain to the real Renters News Magazine at rentersnews@trader.ca and tell them you mistook the other web site for theirs.

These people take money from poor tenants for their fake groups while really working for the landlords to destroy the tenants movement.

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Re: Robert Levitt deleting posts on this web site

Posted by Paul Samuelson on 11/1/2002, 7:04 pm , in reply to "disappearing posts"

209.197.170.106

I had put up an article on the Federation of Metro Tenants featured on the front page of the Toronto Star and I see it and all the responses to it have been deleted.

It is clear that Levitt hacked this system and has been deleting the posts.

Complain about his web site and get it taken down. Complain to abuse@geocities.com about his www.geocities.com/torontotenants web site where he misleads unsuspecting tenants and steals from the Federation for his own web site and business.

Bob Levitt and his fake tenant group plagiarise from the FMTA once again!

Posted by The Tenant on 11/25/2002, 9:40 pm

216.127.82.98

Bob Levitt is trying hard to make a name for himself and get \$100,000's in grants for being a tenant expert. He has once again plagiarised another Federation document. This one is today's FMTA press release on average rents showing big rent increases and large increases in vacancy rates from mass evictions by landlords with the help of the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal - the EVICTION MACHINE. He is saying his document was written by himself and a group that never existed he is calling the North Toronto Tenants' Networks. Complain to abuse@geocities.com and let them know that his www.geocities.com/torontotenants/ web site is stealing from the tenants of Ontario and misrepresenting himself and the real nature of his paralegal business.

Tenants need to get involved

Posted by Howard on 11/28/2002, 4:38 am
209.249.147.215

Tenants need to get involved to fight Bobby Levitt's attempts to kill the tenants movement so he can get more business as a tenant paralegal.

Give him a call at (416) XXXXXXXX or visit him XX XXXXXXXX Road in his luxury XXXXXXXX suite.

His steals from poor tenants desperate for help.

[yes, they really put his address and phone number up. ed]

Complain to his internet service abuse@3web.net and get them to end his service so he won't be able to steal from as many tenants. Complain to abuse@3web.net about his www.geocities.com/torontotenants web site that plagiarizes from the Federation.

The security and safety of yours and every Toronto tenants housing is at stake.

Re: happy new year

Posted by John on 1/18/2003, 6:29 pm, in reply to "happy new year"
216.129.222.27

So did anybody track down who did this?

Was it that crazy guy you were warning us about Bob Levit with the geocities copy cat of this site?

Dan, should we be continuing to email abuse@geocities.com to demand that they take down his crappy plagiarized toronto tenants site?

Re: We have won over the copy cat web site

Posted by David Burns on 2/14/2003, 6:33 am, in reply to "Re: We have won over the copy cat web site"

200.64.191.52

Any suggestions as to what to do about his fake tenant web site whose real purpose is to destroy the tenants movement?

Everybody needs to continue making complaints to abuse@geocities.com and telling them

www.geocities.com/torontotenants is a fraud and demand they take it down immediately.

We all need to go on the newsgroup tor.general and inform the readers not to be conned by this Tory and that he is out to take them until he knows never to post again and to give up once and for all.

Everybody needs to be distributing the warnings about Levitt to their friends and on all the mailing lists we are on.

Missing posts

Posted by Dave Burns on 2/14/2003, 7:52 pm

200.64.191.52

Posts are missing again here.

I know the thread from the past two weeks on winning over the two fake tenant groups disappeared.

Is that Levitt hacking into this system again?

I see the posts went when he put his sight back up.

A few of the legal clinics and a couple agencies are spreading the word on him and his fake copy cat tenant web site. Even Rosalee Bender has been helping but I don't think the board been doing anything lately.

If people expect to do something about those who would destroy the tenants movement they have to start doing something and sending complaints to abuse@geocities.com and demand they take down that fake www.geocities.com/torontotenants web sight.

landlord web site

Posted by Dave Burns on 2/24/2003, 6:13 am

194.152.96.72

He claims it is a tenant web site but half of it is plagiarized from the Federation and the other half is so wrong it will get you evicted.

Levitt the tory is clearly trying to destroy the tenants movement to help the landlords and we need to put an end to this now.

We all need to email abuse@geocities.com and demand they immediately take down the www.geocities.com/torontotenants site that he uses to scam poor tenants.

It is clear his only real purpose is to divert people from the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations when with an election coming up it is more important now than ever that tenants speak with one loud powerful voice and that voice is the Federation and has been for 29 years.

Re: landlord web site

Posted by Vicki on 2/24/2003, 10:01 am, in reply to "landlord web site"
209.197.172.196

I agree with you.

His is a lousy web site and a dirty trick meant to destroy the tenants movement.

Everybody should be complaining to have his site taken down.

And you should probably complain to abuse@3web.net to have them cancel his internet service for torontotenants@3web.net because of all his spams and tricks he pulls on tenants.

There is only one legitimate web site representing Toronto tenants and that is this one.

Contact your city councillor now

Posted by Kenn on 2/25/2003, 9:45 am
65.19.131.218

Toronto City Council has found it has a spare \$1 MILLION dollars in the budget it is trying to figure out how to spend.

I say what better place could it be put than into essential city services such as underfunded tenant programs like the Tenant Hotline and the Tenant Defence Fund? These programs have helped 10,000's of tenant and prevented thousands of people from becoming homeless.

NOW IS THE TIME TO CONTACT YOUR CITY COUNCILLOR AND DEMAND

THIS

MONEY GO INTO THE NECESSARY TENANT PROGRAMS! DO IT RIGHT

NOW!

Click here to find out how to contact your city councillor

2 down 1 to go

Posted by Dave on 4/4/2003, 11:16 am

200.64.191.52

There are scammers and crazies out there who want to separate you from your money.

Today we found out that Tim Rourke and his www.freelives.ca web site was finally taken down! It did nothing but try to destroy the legitimate tenants movement.

Paul York and his fake Greater Toronto Tenants Network disconnected their phone line and has stopped taking money from tenants.

All that is left now is that crooked paralegal Levitt and his copycat [torontotenants](http://torontotenants.com) web site.

YOU MUST EMAIL abuse@geocities.com NOW AND DEMAND THEY TAKE

DOWN

www.geocities.com/torontotenants TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER TENANTS FROM BEING RIPPED OFF OR ENDING UP EVICTED DUE TO LEVITT.

Successful event

Posted by Wendy on 4/14/2003, 11:10 pm

207.44.154.35

It was a great event today with a huge turnout.

That coward we have been warned about the anti tenant anorexic psycho was on the corner of College and St George handing out homemade anti tenant anti FMTA flyers but nobody wanted his propaganda. He was too chicken to show his face at the debate because all the tenants would have booed him out of the place.

This will be the first of many successful FMTA events leading to the masses of tenant coming out to the meetings and out to vote whenever that other chicken Ernie decides he has no choice but to call an election.

Re: Successful event

Posted by Darlene on 4/16/2003, 3:28 pm

Message modified by board administrator 4/16/2003, 3:44 pm

I didn't see anybody handing out flyers, however on my walk back up to the subway I found several flyers for the copycat website on [geocities](http://geocities.com)! I thought the FMTA had won that battle; goes to show how naive I am.

I'm looking forward to viewing the video. I spoke with the woman who recorded the event and apparently they are planning to load the digital video onto this web site for the benefit of those unable to attend.

All in all, I think it was a very worthwhile evening. I learned a lot. Thanks Dan, Michael, et al.

Re: Successful event

Posted by Dave on 4/17/2003, 7:31 pm, in reply to "Re: Successful event"

200.64.191.52

We can take down all the posters we want that advertise Levitt's plagiarized web site and content but it won't do any good. We need as many people as possible to make complaints to abuse@geocities.com to demand they take down his web site and to abuse@3web.net so he won't have any web access. We need to say whatever is necessary to ensure his site and internet access are terminated for the sake of the tenants' movement and the 3.2 million tenants of Ontario.

"Re: Successful event"

207.44.154.35

Darlene did you take down the flyers? He must have put them up after the meeting started. What do the flyers for the copycat geocities web site look like? If we can spot them from far away then once they are easily identifiable we can remove them from our communities. Someone has to get that web site taken down.

Re: Successful event

Posted by Darlene on 4/17/2003, 11:57 am, in reply to "Re: Successful event"

66.46.157.103

I took down the only three I saw. They were bright orange with the word 'TENANTS' quite prominent at the top (I'm doing this from memory as I just took them out of my briefcase before I left home this morning). The poster had little tear-off things at the bottom for the copy-cat website, and it claimed that this site has information about utility rates & contracts (amongst other things).

I have a real issue with infringement of copyright and intellectual property (maybe because so many of my friends are songwriters?) and the fact that there is so little protection around domain names really BUGS me. I also took a lot of calls on the Hotline last summer from people looking for that other tenant advocacy group whose name so closely resembles that of the FMTA.

When I went to register my own business I remember reading about restrictions on choosing a corporate name that will deliberately mislead people, but I guess it would take numerous complaints to the Ministry of Consumer & Business Services to stop that "copycat".

Re: Bad Tenants List - warning

Posted by Sam on 4/1/2004, 5:51 pm, in reply to "Re: Bad Tenants List"

I have heard that the copycat geocities site has been selling its mailing list to the landlord agencies so they can know who the troublemaking tenants are.

I had read previously here that that site was meant to destroy the tenants movement but now to hear he is selling tenants names so that landlords will know who not to rent to is dispicable but predicable out of that creep!

Re: Successful event"

200.64.191.52

Bob Levitt is scum who takes advantage of tenants.

He has done what he can to destroy the tenants movement in the hopes of getting a job with the Tories that pays more than what the landlords give him to do what he does.

He has no right to have a web site that claims to represent tenants.

The Federation is recognized by the City of Toronto as the only legitimate representatives of Toronto's tenants.

NOW omits the Federation from source of info

Posted by Dave on 4/18/2003, 11:04 pm

200.64.191.52

NOW magazine did a story called Rent Hogs that uses information from the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations but never mentions the FMTA.

They even mention the All Party Debate but again never mention the FMTA.

What's with those idiots?

If you feel they should not have censored the FMTA out of the story and should have included the FMTA web site and hotline phone number email NOW as letters@nowtoronto.com and give them HELL!

Re: Successful event"

66.159.16.85

They aren't reputable.

That is why the City of Toronto doesn't recognize them. Once the FMTA got the city to investigate them the city took down all their links on their Rental Housing Office Tenants & Landlords Referral list and on the Access Toronto Housing and Moving To FAQ's to both Bob Levitt's plagiarized geocities web site and to the Greater Toronto Tenants Association.

Why would you want to support people with seedy reputations when there is the FMTA who are acknowledged by the City of Toronto as the only reputable representatives of this city's tenants?

"Re: SARS"

207.44.154.35

Paul must have been Bob Levitt.

He's a theiving psycho who profits off of poor tenants.

He works with the Tories and the landlords with his plagiarized `tenant' web site to prevent tenants from getting organized.

The materials are all copied from Federation pamphlets and manuals.

When there is conflict and disruption on this board it is always him behind it.

That is why something has to be done about him and his right wing activities.

Re: Wendy

Posted by Paul Samuelson on 5/9/2003, 10:20 pm, in reply to "Wendy"

209.197.172.241

Yah, that's Levitt's copycat web site.

He plagiarizes everything he can off of the Federation for his parlegal business. It makes sense he would put up posters so people will mistake him for a group that does have a good reputation the Federation of Metro Tenants.

He does everything he can to destroy any sources of help for tenants like the Tenant Hotline so that he will be the only service left. He hates that Federation services are all free to tenants.

He is a total incompetent except in copying other people's work.

Send in your complaints to abuse@geocities.com to demand his copycat www.geocities.com/torontotenants web site is taken down by geocities immediately. You should also send copies of all your complaints to the head of Toronto's Tenant Defence committee, city councillor Michael Walker at councillor_walker@toronto.ca so that the city can see

Posted by Rick on 5/14/2003, 10:37 am
209.82.17.12

Could someone please explain the difference between the Greater Toronto Tenants Association, the geocities Toronto Tenants page, and this Federation of Metro Tenants' Association (as well as the others referred to with the signs that have the same colour scheme?

I have looked at these sites and they all seem to provide helpful information - but I understand that some of them perhaps may have some different motives for their site.

I have yet to understand what these motives may be - and how people know that these other sites have different motives. Could someone please shed some light?

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 5/14/2003, 11:28 am, in reply to "Tenant Associations"
65.49.78.169

This organization has been around for 28 years.

Unfortunately, some people were unable to work with us....and broke away during the nineties.

The FMTA has never been perfect, but has always tried to live up to our goals for the best interests of tenants.

It has certainly been sad that despite all of our efforts, these people continue to attack us.

We will not speak for the Greater Toronto Tenants Association, but we encourage all fair minded tenants to work with us to achieve the necessary reforms to make our lives better.

Just today, the newspaper is full of stories showing the growing gap between rich and poor (and guess what category tenants fall in). This is why we need affordable housing programs and real rent control. Visit our advocacy and action page to find out more about where we stand.

There is another web site at geocities that copycatted our key words "torontotenants".

The site is a catalogue of useful information, but is also used as

a weapon against FMTA.

The owner of this site complained to the law society about a lawyer who was answering questions on here and that lead to her deciding not to post any more.

This site and this organization is interactive and updated very frequently.

Our organization has a volunteer Board of Directors, holds regular meetings, and has allies and supporters throughout the community. We have helped hundreds of buildings in the last 3 years (since this site started and since my own involvement - which is all I can speak to personally at this time) and we help people every day on our hotline.

We cordially invite you to "surf" our site and learn more or call us for more information.

Thank you for posting your question.

As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)

Posted by Fred on 6/5/2003, 8:18 pm

Message modified by board administrator 6/5/2003, 11:36 pm

Subject: Re: Tenants: Together we can intimidate

Newsgroups: tor.general

Mr. McIntyre:

My concern is that someone on this newsgroup brought to everybody's attention that your discussion board for over two weeks was linking to and promoting people visit a website <http://ca.geocities.com/tenantstogether> that was racist and making false claims of fraud against Mr. Levitt.

It was only when that became the topic of public discussion on this newsgroup, that first you wanted only Mr. Levitt's public postings here deleted and then you finally posted here that you removed the link and claiming you had nothing to do with that web site. **You never stated why your web site and presumably your group were promoting that racist web site and never making any comments that you disagreed with the content you were clearly promoting. If you had nothing to do with that website why were you promoting it for over two weeks before the heat on you was so bad you deleted the link?**

I also find contrary to your claims that your web site is almost never updated.

And to think that you get some \$1/3 of a million a year to have a website and to be harassing people like this.

I think that if people are disturbed by what you do with such large amounts of public funding they should write letters to the

editor of some publications and contact your city councillor:
Since you almost fully funded by taxpayers you should be accountable and act responsibly and should be forced to adhere to the city's anti-harassment policies that the city clearly does not enforce of its subcontractors. The city clearly asks no accountability of you, what you do or how you spend public money. I have found some interesting reading about your group that is available on the net if people are looking for some background information:

Administrator comment: he then refers you to letters from some time ago written by unverifiable people freindly to Bob Levitt

All of which are either false (we pass out "save our hotline buttons" or simply malicious and biased

Readers can go to tor.general and see this nonsense if you really want to

Posted by Gary Morton on 6/7/2003, 6:22 am

Message modified by board administrator 6/7/2003, 11:32 am

Seems the campaign by tenant people to damage one another is on again. As per the message below (deleted by administrator).

Sometimes the messages are anti FMTA and other times they are against independents.

This time they have bob levitt as a tory, though his isn't that.

The GTTA is now out of business, though the web site with a dead email link is still up.

Paul York says he's working with an independent group campaigning for a rent freeze.

I have both FMTA and Levitt's site listed at the tenant page at <http://CitizensontheWeb.com>

The more tenant sites the better. And my little page is free like everything else on the site.

I don't apply for grant money.

Also - I have an email list of pretty much every activist group in the city. Nearly all of them know about tenant groups attacking each other and aren't interested. So the various groups might as well try to get along as attacks have come to a dead end.

Posted by Fred on 6/7/2003, 2:20 pm, in reply to "Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)"

141.155.144.245

Though I choose not to identify myself, I am a real person who has

no association with Mr. Levitt or any other so-called 'enemies' of FMTA. I have received unsolicited emails from FMTA employees and its supporters who disparage Levitt's reputation, suggest he's untrustworthy as his name sounds Jewish, claims he's bilking tenants out of money (which he's denied many times) and a host of other unsavory accusations. I have not engaged in any activity towards FMTA or its supporters as you suggest. I haven't even responded to the emails sent to me. ALL I have done (and I do mean all) is post on Usenet and this message board asking Dan a) how he can continue to claim FMTA has any legal right to so-called 'key words' when no such rights exist for anyone -- and thereby implying that Levitt stole something that FMTA owns, b) why he tolerates calls to take down Levitt's web site on this message board (there is such a call in this thread), and c) why there is an ongoing campaign by FMTA and its supporters to discredit Levitt. To date Dan hasn't responded with any substantive answer. Maybe the poster should realize that while there may be someone (who I don't know) who engages in tactics similar to what I've seen used against Levitt, but there are others who have a real beef with the manner in which FMTA holds itself out and conducts its business. Until the powers at FMTA recognize and accept this fact, and until FMTA accepts that it's not the only game in town, such questions will continue.

Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)

Posted by Fred on 6/7/2003, 2:25 pm, in reply to "Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)"

141.155.144.245

Why would you call to have Levitt's web site be taken down, especially when many tenants are finding it very useful? The so-called Usenet 'attacks' are not attacks on the tenant movement, but questions raised about why FMTA and its supporters -- and you -- feel it necessary to continue a campaign to shut down an independent tenant activist. So maybe you did get help from FMTA and maybe you didn't find Levitt helpful. Others will say the reverse. FMTA should realize it does not own the tenant movement.

Posted by Brian on 6/7/2003, 4:31 pm

Message modified by board administrator 6/7/2003, 6:54 pm

The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations has been helping tenants for 28 years and is widely recognized as the authoritative source for tenants.

Bobby Levitt has been involved in tenant issues for about 3 years

and has attended every city grants committee meeting to try to get Federation funding taken away !

There are countless stories about tenants getting very agry with Mr. Levitt after their dealings .

I agree that his tenant web sights must be taken down .

He is the most hated person by all Toronto activists for his dirty tricks campaigns against progressive movements in this city.

Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)

Posted by Fred on 6/7/2003, 7:30 pm, in reply to "Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)"

162.84.169.109

Yet another message in the ongoing campaign by FMTA to shut down an independent tenant voice. As Brian's message was 'modified' by the board administrator, he is allowing the intimidation campaign to continue. **This is yet another ambiguous attack on Levitt with no support, no facts, nothing except vitriol. If you look at Levitt's site, he isn't instigating attacks on FMTA or advocating taking down this site. I really wonder if FMTA should be getting the public funding with this sort of intimidation campaign. Even if they do some good work, this is a misuse of public funding.**

Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 6/7/2003, 8:30 pm, in reply to "Re: As seen on Usenet (how long till this gets deleted?)"

65.49.78.169

wrong again Fred. The message was toned down just to show that there are people in the community who have a strong dislike for your friend but I took out things in violation of this Board.

To repeat for the umpteenth time. We have no problem with Levitt having a web site...we only have a problem with his choice of name. However, obviously some of the readers of this interactive site do want Levitt taken down. Are they not entitled to that opinion? Ultimately it would be up to geocities, and in another case, magma.

You asked for this with your post on Thursday.

Do you want me to delete the whole string?

And why don't you take a few minutes and answer the questions I posed in response to your post.

I am a fair guy, but you wanted people to think that I promoted a racist web site and falsely accused me of leaving it on this site.

Being fair, some one may have mentioned the site in some post, but it would have been deleted as soon as we became aware of it. To repeat one more time, cause you don't seem to get it. We have no problem with Levitt having a web site, just a problem with his copycat name. Our priority will be working for tenants such as described in my postings here.

"Re: As seen on Usenet
(how long till this gets deleted?)"
207.44.154.35

- 1 - Levitt has no legal training doesnt know what he is talking about and gives people wrong info
- 2 - Levitt disrupts all tenant meetings both by the FMTA and city hall meetings
- 3 - Levitt misleads people
- 4 - Levitt plagiarizes his stuff from the FMTA
- 5 - Levitt is an idiot

The FMTA...

Posted by KMILBURN on 6/8/2003, 9:39 pm
66.185.84.68

I can honestly say that I know 6 or 7 of the office staff at the FMTA and I've never heard a racist word out of any of them...ever. I can't believe all the carping and garbage that is making this message board.

The FMTA is the only organization that I know of that is educating and helping tenants on a daily basis with their Tenant Hotline. The Outreach team runs hundreds of meetings a year that educate and help tenant groups on an ongoing basis. In fact if it wasn't for the Outreach team there would be a whole lot less tenants groups fighting rent increases, with a lot less success.

The FMTA has only one concern and that's helping tenants. I fail to see how flaming the FMTA helps tenants or the various tenant causes.

This is a place where people try to help other people not a place to argue about issues that don't really concern us as tenants.

Re: The FMTA...

Posted by Fred on 6/8/2003, 10:16 pm, in reply to "The FMTA..."
162.83.162.61

Then you've missed the entire point. While you may see one side of

things, there is indeed another side - and that's an ongoing campaign to smear those not affiliated with the FMTA with false claims, implications and innuendos. To put it in your own words, I fail to see how such tactics helps tenants. As I said in another post (maybe one that Dan deleted), there's no evidence that anyone directly connected (i.e., staff) had anything to do with the racist web site. But it was put up by someone and its existence was promoted and tolerated on this board. And I do know Dan has gone out of his way to make unsolicited and disparaging remarks about Levitt. My complaint has nothing to do with whatever good work that FMTA might do, but rather the smear tactics.

Article at Federations expense

Posted by David Burns on 9/17/2003, 12:49 pm

66.46.243.210

I was reading a newspaper earlier this week about the rent guideline and it was clearly a copy of the statement from the main part of this web site.

But did it mention the Federation of Metro Tenants? No! It was signed Robert Levitt.

That creep copied the Federations statement as his own work! I wonder how many papers he got his stolen statement into?

Someone has to do something about him. He copies everything the Federation does and gets the credit as if it was his own work exactly as he does with his crappy internet site. **We all need to be writing to abuse@geocities.com and demand they take down his plagiarized www.geocities.com/torontotenants internet site.**

FMTA meetings

Posted by A concerned member on 9/20/2003, 4:03 pm

66.46.157.102

In the latest copy of The Tenant, the date of the upcoming annual general meeting of the FMTA was announced. However, I have never seen any notification of the meetings which are held throughout the year by the board and the various committees.

It seems to me that instead of asking people to blindly volunteer at the annual meeting members should be encouraged to come out during the year to find out how the board works, what the various committees do, and so on. I served on the board of another non-profit agency for 3 years and cannot understand all the secrecy.

Also, people should be notified that at the AGM in 2001 it was decided that you have to be a member for at least 30 days to vote

at the AGM. If you are thinking about attending the meeting this year, make sure you join the FMTA at least 30 days in advance or you will not be able to participate in the decision making process.

Re: FMTA meetings

Posted by A knowledgeable member on 9/20/2003, 4:23 pm, in reply to "FMTA meetings"

211.99.196.217

This has been absolutely necessary due to attempts by a couple of grant hunters who have been trying to sign up many fake members most not even tenants with the help of their friends the landlords in attempts to take over the Federation.

They are willing to destroy the tenants movement for money.

These are the same people who have been previously highlighted for their copy cat tenant sites and fake tenant groups.

This is why we must remain vigilant.

Strange Allies of Landlords

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 11/14/2003, 8:30 pm

Board Administrator

Tonight, this Board was hit by scum posting about 120 messages of spam to disrupt this Board.

At a point in history, where tenants have renewed hopes for fairness, there are people who don't want us to succeed.

The Canadian Mental Health system can not deal with those people.

But we will work together to get the beneficial change we need.

Together we are strong! Cyber scum can not stop the tenants of Toronto, and they can not stop the Federation of Metro tenants Association from working with good people to make all of our lives better.

Re: Strange Allies of Landlords

Posted by KMILBURN on 11/16/2003, 1:37 am, in reply to "Strange Allies of Landlords"

65.50.45.232

Perhaps Mr. Martin will devote a few more bucks to the mental health systems throughout the various provinces and we can get these guys back on their meds again?

I guess the tenant movement is on track if these wingnuts are

going to these lengths to try and disrupt it.

After posting do you get spammed for viruses?

Posted by Me on 3/12/2004, 5:18 pm
207.44.202.102

After I posted here I was quickly swamped with spam and viruses in my mailbox.

It looks like Bob Levitt is targeting anybody who posts to this very important discussion group.

Tenants need to fight back against this friend of the landlords.

Send complaints to abuse@3web.net to have his internet connection pulled and complain to abuse@geocities.com and demand that his fake www.geocities.com/torontotenants site that steals the name of this discussion group and the Federation's website be taken down immediately!

This means that we can no longer post our email address when we post here because of Levitt.

Its time for tenants to fight back!

Victory over the copycat site

Posted by Diana on 1/6/2005, 10:57 am
User logged in as: Diana

I have not been able to get onto the copycat's torontotenants site all morning to monitor it.

Instead I get 999 errors.

When I check that out 999's are sites deleted from

Geocities.

So it looks like the internet agitator may finally be gone!

One less friend of the landlords!

Re: Victory over the copycat site

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 1/6/2005, 12:18 pm, in reply to "Victory over the copycat site"

User logged in as: Dan

I just checked and it is still there.

I sometimes find that site useful for some research.

But for interactivity and topicality and for a real organization working hard for Toronto Tenants, do stick with this site.

Re: Victory over the copycat site

Posted by Sara on 1/8/2005, 11:31 am, in reply to "Re: Victory over the copycat site"

User logged in as: Sara

Dan said, "I just checked and it is still there.

I sometimes find that site useful for some research."

"But for interactivity and topicality and for a real organization working hard for Toronto Tenants, do stick with this site."

But how reliable is that copycat site when it is not backed up by a reputable organization like the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations?

Tenants can't trust a fake tenant site run by some welfare bum mental patient who is working with the landlords to destroy the tenants movement.

Re: Victory over the copycat site

Posted by Diana on 1/11/2005, 12:29 pm, in reply to "Re: Victory over the copycat site"

User logged in as: Diana

Someone sure edited the heck out of that last comment.

That is not exactly what it said originally.

Talking to the people in Parkdale last week they were warning about the idiot with the fake tenant site has started a new one he is trying to promote to Parkdale landlords <http://www.deadbeattenants.com/>

We better keep an eye on his antitenant sites particularly the geocities torontotenants one - he is dangerous and the tenants of Toronto need to deal with him once and for all to put an end to his sites.

Re: Victory over the copycat site

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 1/11/2005, 5:40 pm, in reply to "Re: Victory over the copycat site"

User logged in as: Dan

Although I share the frustrations about people trying to hurt us and hurt tenants, we have a very clear policy for this Board. It is not intended to slag anyone. We do allow venting against the law, bad landlord practices, and the Tribunal.

The last paragraph of the original post was not in keeping with our policy.

I invite one and all to read and re-read the terms of this Board.

Re: Victory over the copycat site

Posted by Diana on 2/6/2005, 5:08 pm, in reply to "Re: Victory over the copycat site"

User logged in as: Diana

A few of us have been sending in weekly complaints for over a year to Google and other search engines and we have finally gotten the copycat torontotenants site on geocities banned from Google.

Now let's see if anybody can find that crooks site!

You can search for anything you want on Google and you will never find that site anymore!

Next lets see if we can do the same with Yahoo and MSN.

Re: Tenant web sites WHO do you trust?

Posted by Sara on 3/8/2005, 3:42 pm, in reply to "Tenant web sites WHO do you trust?"

User logged in as: Sara

That is what many tenants have been complaining about with that copycat torontotenants site on Geocities.

That is why you should be sending complaints to abuse@geocities.com to demand they delete that site once and for all.

It is meant to destroy the tenants movement!

Responses:

Re: Tenant web sites WHO do you trust? - Anthony 3/9/2005, 9:10 pm

Posted by Diana on 5/16/2005, 1:04 pm

Message modified by board administrator 5/16/2005, 2:51 pm

It looks like that friend of the landlords is again trying to scare off users from this site to hurt the tenants movement.

I assume everybody else is getting their mailboxes filled with german spam sent by that landord supporter who has the copycat torontotenants website.

That is why it is so important people complain to abuse@geocities.com about that copycat site.

I hope there are measures in place to protect the tenants attending the FMTA AGM at the end of the month. I wonder if he is being paid by the landlords to do what he does?

Posted by Diana on 8/15/2005, 2:17 pm

User logged in as: Diana

When I search for tenant items on the net I keep on getting some really nasty stuff against the Federation by some idiots called Canada Free Press.

The stories that come up most often are

Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants Electioneering

<http://www.canadafreepress.com/2003/ed050503.htm>

TIME FOR CITY TO MOVE ON FMTA

<http://www.canadafreepress.com/1999/9908a7.htm> and

Federation of Metro Tenant's Association (FMTA), Tenant Protection

<http://www.canadafreepress.com/2001/0004a3.htm>

Why do they make up lies like these?

You should complain to them at cfp@canadafreepress.com

letters@canadafreepress.com

(416) 977-1308

49 Elm St., Suite 200

Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1H1

Canada

Speaking of the friends of the landlords there are still all the lies on qaz.ca

You should complain about the slander on that site to info@securenet.net

And there is the other mental defective - the fake tenant working for the landlords with his copycat [torontotenants](http://torontotenants.com) site. Complain about that one at abuse@geocities.com and demand they take it down.

Plus we seem to have made some headway with that misogynist Kirby. He has taken down his lies on

<http://www.canlaw.com/tenants/tenants.htm> but is still linking to the landlord friends [geocities](http://geocities.com) site at the top of the page and he needs to replace that with the Federation.

Canlaw does say 'Federation of Metro Tenants Associations provides legal advice and advocacy' which is better than the lies he was saying but he needs to put us at the top of the page and make it a link to this site and get rid of the fake tenant [geocities](http://geocities.com) site altogether. Mail him at contact@canlaw.com

Re: Friends of the landlord at it again

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 8/15/2005, 3:39 pm, in reply to "Friends of the landlord at it again"

User logged in as: Dan

I had to edit the above post significantly.

There are some strange malcontent misfits who are carrying on grudges from the nineties.

My message is to rise above that. Be a tenant and a friend of tenants by advocating for a better law and a better tribunal and better treatment from landlords.

So even though the message was meant to support us and give the others hell, I don't think we need to bring attention to their "work". That is exactly what they need to "justify" themselves.

Every time, there is a negative posting, one of the strange allies makes it his business to call the person - to stir it up. Or to call Brad Butt when some one says something negative about landlords.

All that being said, the other site does contain useful information although it leaves out the FMTA as a reference point.

Tenants in Toronto and Ontario are not being treated fairly, and we need to continue to press for positive changes. That is what we and this Board are all about.

Re: Friends of the landlord at it again

Posted by EMS on 8/15/2005, 11:00 pm, in reply to "Re: Friends of the landlord at it again"

User logged in as: AC

I do not know what the purpose of providing the link to this site could possibly be for tenants rights... I had no knowledge of this site nor have I ever been provided it by a Google search on tenants issues. Providing Ontario tenants this link threw this post can only have an adverse effect on the sector of Ontario tenants who do not have the cognitive ability to fully appreciate or establish a foundation of trust or freely wish to speak their minds on this board.

Why has the FMTA not done something about this(or have they)? Does the FMTA really get the money they state they have? If the accusations are not true and are indeed slanderous why are they not addressed by the FMTA?

Why with the hundreds of thousands of Ontario tenants have there been less than 50 new tenants posting on this board yet a growing number of ORHT cases in divisional court being overturned? This is now the second site which has claimed the FMTA and the other site are working together...

Could this site have been responsible for making it appear Dan sent me vulgar e-mails harassing my mental health?(a

tactic covered on the site)

I think if the FMTA is going to provide a link to this web site on this board they are opening a real can of worms....

Re: Friends of the landlord at it again

Posted by Sara on 8/16/2005, 11:28 am, in reply to "Re: Friends of the landlord at it again"

User logged in as: Sara

I noticed his site over the past few days.

It was only yesterday afternoon that he read on this website the rent increase announcement and like most of the stuff on his copycat site he copied it onto his site and backdated it to August 12 the as if he would have known anything if he didn't always plagiarize from the Federation. This is the only place it was announced or that tenants can find out these things first.

That is why it is so important that people mail them at abuse@geocities.com and demand they take down their copycat torontotenants site.

If these people were employable maybe they might have something better to do than sit around all day taking their meds and trying to destroy the tenants movement.

Re: Beware of scammers

Posted by Sara on 10/11/2005, 11:08 am, in reply to "Beware of scammers"

Another one that people need to stay away from is the person running that new ontariotenants.ca website.

He used to have a copycat site on geocities

Don't even visit his site and whatever you do don't give him money if he asks for it!

You might want to write to his webhost to warn them about him and that they will be held liable for any complaints against him. The webhost information is: Technical Contact

Name: Gxxxxx Mxxxx

Job Title: Software Developer

Postal Address: GM Web Development

xxx College St, #x

Toronto ON M5T xxx Canada

Phone: 416xxxxxxx

Fax:

Email: xxxxxxxxxxx@usersca2.domainsatcost.ca

Some One We don't like in the news today

Posted by Sara on 2/17/2006, 12:38 pm

Message modified by board administrator 2/17/2006, 2:50 pm

The guy with the boring tenant website is in today's Toronto Star.

<http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/>

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Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1140130212748&call_pageid=970599109774&col=Columnist969907622164

Carol Goar should do a feature story about the fantastic work of the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations.

Re: Some One We don't like in the news today

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 2/17/2006, 2:53 pm, in reply to "Some One We don't like in the news today"

User logged in as: Dan

Sara, I had to edit your post for legal reasons.

Actually, the article does highlight an important issue for low income tenants, and quotes 2 wonderful advocates and one not so wonderful person.

Thanks for bringing it to our attention.

User logged in as: Diana

I have been listening to the Ontario legislature debating Bill 109 today.

I could not believe the speech by the NDP's Rosario Marchese. He kept on quoting over and over that friend of the landlords RL with the copycat tenant website. We know that landlord supported site is meant to confuse tenants and prevent them from joining legitimate groups.

Marchese did not once mention the excellent speeches by the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations experts on the subject! What is wrong with that guy?

We need to get the NDP onside with the tenants movement first if we need real change in favour of tenants since we will never get it from the Liberals.

A laugh at the strange allies of landlords

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 3/9/2007, 3:44 pm

Some goofball has spent the entire day posting silly messages to this Board and trying to imitate a lot of our regular posters.

He has spent at least six hours at some public computer (library?) having to use different ISP addresses. He apparently has a thing for teen age girls and porn. Can you imagine how sick such a person is? What a sad life they have? The shame they should feel about wasting their life, or at least all day today. Of course, we have our suspicions as to who is doing it. We just did not know they liked teen age girl porn sites so much - maybe we could have guessed it. It only takes me seconds to reject these posts from this loser. My absolute power lol! I sincerely hope that this very mentally ill person gets the psychiatric help they so obviously need. Meanwhile, good readers, and good posters, let us keep up our work FOR tenants.

Legal solution to nefarious posts

Posted by FJ on 3/12/2007, 4:22 pm, in reply to "A laugh at the strange allies of landlords"

I would suggest that the person or person(s) perpetrating this are not nearly as clever as they, or you might think. And I do believe that a report ought to be made to police, since this is a very serious matter. How to apprehend them, is actually quite old hat for people working in police departments who track these sorts of menaces down. And in the event that should a police department not wish to investigate, a private party such as FMTA can also mobilize a quasi self-help remedy so to speak, by way of a court order obtained at the Superior Court

level.

It can be done very quickly and cost effectively if the pleadings are properly prepared and filed with supporting affidavit evidence.

The basic procedure is as follows:

1. Prepare John Doe pleadings, file them misnomered at the intake desk for the Superior Court civil court office, on University Ave.
2. File a concurrent motion using the Rules of Civil Procedure

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/900194a_e.htm to compel the Tier 1 provider of who owns the IP address(es), along with ALL of the downstream providers including the ISP and any and all organizations providing access terminals to that ISP, to provide all of their

records pertaining to users on the date and time of the nefarious posting.

3. Ensure that the motion includes proper terminology to capture all information from any sign-in sheets which may or may not be used at internet cafes or libraries, the images of webcams which record and store the images of the users sitting at the terminals, and images of the cameras which record movement into and out of the facility which was used by the perpetrator.

4. Once you have obtained the records, it should not be very difficult to determine the identity of perpetrator, especially if you feel you have a good hunch as to who it is already, and can identify from a photograph.

5. Once the perpetrator is identified, you file a motion to amend the misnomered pleadings with the person's actual identity, obtain the injunction to prevent them from engaging in this type of conduct against FMTA in future, and concurrently report the matter to police for criminal charges if the conduct falls into the purview of the criminal law.

By the way, many good examples of John Doe pleadings are readily available, should you need a template for mobilizing the self-help action.

FJ

Re: A laugh at the strange allies of landlords

Posted by David on 3/14/2007, 12:09 pm, in reply to "Re: A laugh at the strange allies of landlords"

If you contact the police they are very interested in people involved with porn or promoting porn.

If you let the cops know who are the likely culprits they will confiscate their computers as part of the investigation.

You can never erase things from computer hard drives so if the cops find even one picture of an underage boy or girl these people will be spending a lot of time behind bars. So when these mental incompetents read this you had better buy a new hard drive and throw out the old ones because otherwise the cops will get you.

Even if the cops don't find anything it will still shut down these mental misfits because it takes the cops a minimum of 6 months before they return any computer seized in an investigation. What can these enemies of tenants do if they are without any computers?

Did the government ever approve of community treatment

orders? If so it would be great to force these people to take the meds they so clearly need.

Posted by Diana on 3/29/2007, 10:45 am, in reply to "Re: A laugh at the strange allies of landlords"

Have the friends of the landlords continued at trying to censor this site by taking it down with their perversions? If they are pedophiles it would explain some of their mental illness and why they would want to hurt innocent people.

Why would any normal person want to prevent tenants who are dependent on this site and the fantastic services of the Federation of Metro Tenants from being able to access it and being able to post here in peace.

Posted by Internet Expert on 8/3/2009, 10:27 am

Message modified by board administrator 8/3/2009, 7:34 pm

Watching the landlords board it has become very clear and I have traced it down that a quisling has been posting there to cause a war between tenants and the reasonable landlords like Bob.

This quisling in our midst is so adamant that he wants to succeed with his business that he will do anything to help his friends the landlords even if it means hurting thousands of tenants.

His diseased mind has led him to post there with many fake names pretending to be tenants to outrage the landlords and give them a lot of detailed advice as to how to destroy the tenants movement.

Let all tenants instead stand in solidarity behind this website and the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations and he will only succeed in uniting us all.

Posted by Dan McIntyre on 8/3/2009, 11:48 pm, in reply to "Landlords"

Message modified by board administrator 8/4/2009, 12:26 am

Well, there may be more than one quisling. I think it is very sad how some people have abused this amazing thing called the internet.

Those quislings could not bother this discussion board any more, but they found a home over there. Looks like Bob may be finally dealing with them. I noticed some of the personal attacks on me were removed. And a new site seems imminent.

Some may find it strange that I think it is a good idea for landlords to have a discussion board. Well, of course I cant stop it any way, but in fact it is in our interests to have better informed landlords who follow the rules and hopefully treat their rent paying tenants fairly.

Our job will continue to be to help tenants learn their rights and responsibilities and to help them defend themselves, and to hopefully achieve better tenant legislation. Of course, tenants arent in the business of being tenants - although some of us do work in the field.

At the end of the day...or I mean at the first of the month, the vast majority of us pay the rent. And plenty of it.

Re: Landlords

Posted by Pat on 8/6/2009, 12:16 pm, in reply to "Landlords"

Message modified by board administrator 8/6/2009, 12:55 pm

It is clear this tenant or two who want to hurt all other tenants and help the landlords are sickos.

Don't underestimate their mental problems.

How can we get them the treatment they so desperately need? Is there some place we can report them so that somebody will investigate them and independently assess their mental health so they can get the treatment and medication they so deperately need?

Is there any authority we can report him/them to so that they can monitor their internet activities or get a court order to ban them and their websites from the internet?

These twisted souls obviously don't have enough insight and intelligence to seek the treatment they need. How do we get it for them?

Mod. Note - mental health issues are serious and many people have them.....the problem here is how do you stop people from anonymously using the internet for harm....in the old days they had no such forum.....and in public, these men are seen for what they are and not taken seriously...I guess are challenge is to not take them seriously on the internet.....the recent problem being that they have been allowed on another board and they had a field day stirring up trouble.