

Get a load of this; Andre Bratu is one of the aliases of Andy Lehrer, who thinks he is a revolutionary of some kind, but lives in an expensive downtown condominium.

He also is a secret member of FMTA; secret because his actions as an attack dog for them could bring trouble on even that notably corrupt but highly protected organization.

He is lobbying to reduce taxes on his condo. One of the big problems in Toronto is that owner occupied dwellings do not pay enough taxes relative to rental accommodations.

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REPORT No. 19

OF THE STRATEGIC POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

(from its meeting on October 1, 1998,

submitted by Mayor Mel Lastman , Chair)

As Considered by

The Council of the City of Toronto

on October 1 and 2, 1998

Background:

The Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, on September 29, 1998, had before it a report (September 12, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting Owner-Occupied Condominiums, and recommending that the report be received for information.

During consideration of the foregoing matter, the Task Force also had before it the following communications:

-(September 1, 1998) from Councillor Rae, requesting the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to prepare a report for the next meeting of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force outlining the problems raised re owner-occupied condominiums and steps to be taken to resolve them;

-(August 25, 1998) from Andre Bratu, requesting that Toronto City Council and the Province work towards rectifying the increase in property tax for his condominium; and

-(September 23, 1998) from Councillor Silva, addressed to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

The Task Force's recommendation is noted above.

(Report dated September 21, 1998, addressed
to the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force
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