

TCHC BIFAC – March 26, 2021

Item 3 - Contract Award: Emergency Property
Containment and Restoration Services (VAC 21028)

I must say that 44 million dollars is as close to a blank cheque as I have ever seen anyone write. I don't think anyone should be approving such an amount until we have such a thing in place as a contractor audit. I'm just tired of Toronto Community Housing leaking money faster than water can pour out of my kitchen tap.

This mega money is stated to be for 'property containment and restoration services throughout TCHC's portfolio'. Does that include the community hubs that are being constructed?

If it does, I can raise some serious red flags for you. Number one, the current contractors working on either the hub, or, the daycare next door to it in my building have been proven to have clipped the wires for our fob system on the main floor. On Wednesday, they are also suspected of having disarmed the fire alarm system on three floors. For the life of me, I can't comprehend how contractors can still qualify as "approved vendors" given this complete lack of competency.

Number two, I'm wondering if any of this spending can be recouped through insurance policies? Either TCHC's own or TCHC tenants individual apartment insurance

policies. I believe TCHC should be doing more to inform tenants about self-insurance options. Especially, with 44 million at stake.

Writing a big check without considering a) how that money is actually being spent and b) alternative sources of funding appears to be opening TCHC up to more risk not less.

I hate to see a single dollar wasted. Never mind forty-four million dollars. Seems kinda “loonie” to me.

