

# History of Secondary Suites

- Traditionally, homeowner might rent out basement to a tenant: little control needed if it didn't cause any concerns for neighbors
- 2009 – Parkdale fire – unsafe suite – 3 people died when windows were sealed shut
- Secondary suites needed regulation
- Rental shortage makes it more attractive to rent out a secondary suite; more complaints and problems
- 2005 – 2014 – council examined the issue 32 times, but was unable to reach a consensus
- Fall 2014 - Current proposal – target 4 wards only – Wards 7,8,9 and 11
- If no city-wide consensus, divide up the issue and try and push it through in these areas only