



COMPRISING - THE FORMER TOWNSHIPS OF FRANKLIN, MCLEAN, RIDOUT, SINCLAIR AND FINLAYSON.

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February 23, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building - Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

**Re: Resolution regarding Schedule 5 of Bill 7 - An Act to Amend or Repeal
Various Acts with respect to Housing and Planning (Property Standards)**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays at its meeting held on February 21, 2017 passed the following resolution:

"Resolution #5(f)(i)/02/21/17

WHEREAS the Township of Lake of Bays receives the staff report "Bill 7 – An Act to Amend or Repeal Various Acts with Respect to Housing and Planning (Property Standard)", dated February 21, 2017.

AND WHEREAS Schedule 5 of the Bill prescribes that local municipalities shall assume enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards (O. Reg. 517/06) under the RTA on July 1, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Housing currently enforces residential rental maintenance standards in municipalities that do not have a property standards by-law, or have a "partial" by-law that does not address the interior of rental buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry currently receives complaints from tenants respecting residential rental maintenance standards and appoints inspectors to provide this service to municipalities on an as needed basis, for a cost-effective set fee of \$265 for each inspection or re-inspection;

AND WHEREAS the download of enforcement responsibility will require each municipality to receive written complaints from tenants, cause an inspector to make an inspection to determine whether the provincial standards have been complied with, issue work orders to landlords who have not complied with a prescribed maintenance standard, monitor compliance, investigate allegations of failure to comply, and where circumstances warrant, to prosecute landlords for non-compliance;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario intends to download these responsibilities with no compensatory funding, leaving municipalities that do not currently enforce residential rental maintenance standards with the significant fiscal challenge of providing this service cost-effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays calls on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner; and

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, Member of Provincial Parliament in the Province of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and to all Ontario municipalities.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing
Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
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