



Office of the City Clerk

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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, August 9, 2022 – New Motion 3 – Vacancy Decontrol

At the regular meeting on August 9, 2022, Council approved New Motion 3 with respect to request to vacancy decontrol. At the same meeting, the following resolution was approved:

Whereas the Ontario Rent Control law allows the rent on vacated units to be increased by any amount in a legal deregulation known as “vacancy decontrol”; and

Whereas this allowed deregulation and market forces are permitting a significant rise in rents for tenants in Kingston and Ontario, which is making it difficult for people to afford their homes, save for home ownership, and better their situation;

Therefore Be It Resolved That City Council request the Province to tie rent control rules to residential units, rather than to the tenants who inhabit them in order to protect existing affordable housing and preserve affordable and mid-range rental housing supply; and

That as per a recent City of Toronto housing report, that Council request that the Province create a centralized data system to collect information on all rental units across Ontario such as rents, ownership, beneficial ownership and N12 and N13 issuance in order that governments and researchers may better understand who makes up market conditions and ownership and to what overall effect; and

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That City staff report back by Q4 2022 on ways the City could ameliorate the market conditions faced by tenants through measures such as a bylaw to change renovation permit rules, eviction protection handbooks and other measures to help protect tenants from illegal and pressurized evictions as suggested in the recent City of Toronto housing report; and

That this request be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Steve Clark, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), interim leader of the NDP and the Official Opposition, Peter Tabuns, interim leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, John Fraser, and all Ontario municipalities with populations of 100,000 or more.

Yours sincerely,



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City Clerk
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C.C. Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Steve Clark
AMO
Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the NDP & Official Opposition
John Fraser, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
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