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Re: Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 9.3 of the General Issues Committee Minutes 25-016:

9.3 Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED

WHEREAS, on October 23, the Provincial government introduced Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster, which seeks to weaken rent control and make rental tenure less secure;

WHEREAS, Council has introduced bylaws and policies to protect tenants from renovictions and to strengthen protections for tenants;

WHEREAS, Council has enacted new legislation to improve property standards, ensure health and safety in apartment buildings, and implement an Adequate Temperature Bylaw to address the impacts of extreme heat;

WHEREAS, the majority of residents living in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are tenants; approximately one third of all City residents rent their homes; and tenant populations in suburban and rural Wards are growing rapidly;

WHEREAS, through Ward 2 Tenant Town Halls, the Ward 2 Tenant Survey, and the Ward 2 Tenant Council, tenants have expressed anxiety about rental tenancy and rent control including the impacts they've faced since the Provincial government changed legislation in 2018 to eliminate it;

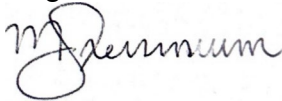
WHEREAS, the Provincial government has suggested it will backtrack on some parts of its proposed legislation but has not confirmed what the impact will be, what will be changed, or how this legislation will be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, a similar motion, entitled Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections was passed by the City of Toronto's Executive Committee on November 4, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, inform the Government of Ontario and all Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament of its opposition to changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* in Bill 60 and the weakening of tenant rights including contemplated changes to “security of tenure” or a further weakening of rent control;
- (b) That the General Issues Committee direct the City Solicitor to work with the Hamilton Legal Clinic and report back in Q1 2026 through a Closed Session Information Report to review legal options and provide advice to protect renters and challenge the provisions of Bill 60, including potential Charter protections;
- (c) That staff from the Housing Services Division report back to the General Issues Committee, through an Information Report and presentation, on the potential impact of Bill 60 including changes to “security of tenure” and rent control, in Q4 2025; and
- (d) That this resolution be circulated to AMO, FCM and all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,



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