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Will Short

Regional Clerk

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Dear Will Short:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on January 30, 2023, passed the following resolution regarding rental housing tenancy displacements:

"WHEREAS Ontario has a significant housing shortage necessitating an increase in both affordable and general supply;

WHEREAS the Province has mandated the creation of 1.5M new homes over 10 years via Bill 23, More Houses Built Faster Act with Kitchener's share being 35,000 new dwellings;

WHEREAS infill development is generally preferred to greenfield development, and urban sprawl, for both financial & environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS infill development has, and will continue to displace existing residents, often with affordable rental agreements; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener Council acknowledges housing as a basic human right and has approved a Housing for All Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT where existing rental housing cannot or will not be preserved, staff make recommendations on how the City can support the transitioning of displaced residents;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review the rental replacement bylaws found elsewhere in Ontario to determine its benefits and its applicability in Kitchener;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to work with Community Stakeholders to make recommendations and deliver on

tools and best-practices that may be implemented immediately; tools that may require additional development, possibly as part of Kitchener's Official Plan review; and suggested advocacy to other orders of government where support may be outside of our jurisdiction and report back prior to the end of 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Region of Waterloo and other local municipalities, should they choose to partner, and/or provide consistency-of-response to this growing challenge throughout our Region; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)."

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

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