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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

June 2, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Resolution – “Renovictions” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 31, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 23-245 – Notice of Motion – Councillor McCue - Renovictions

Moved by Councillor McCue

Seconded by Councillor Card

WHEREAS renovictions, a practice by which landlords evict tenants from their homes by claiming they will complete major renovations, demolish or convert the unit to commercial use, has had a significant adverse impact on Quinte West residents in the past few months;

AND WHEREAS renovictions have been and continue to be a contributing factor in perpetuating the Provincial housing crisis by making rental housing less affordable for Ontarians, particularly for seniors, individuals with disabilities, single-parent families, and students;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario have no ability to protect their residents from renovictions;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Government has tabled legislation: Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, to protect tenants from “bad faith” renovictions and to add more resources to the Landlord Tenant Board;

AND WHEREAS Quinte West City Council passed Motion 23-300 directing staff to prepare a resolution for Council's consideration on the matter;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West Council urges the Province to:

- Pass Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023;
- Add regulations requiring landlords to provide renovation updates when they evict tenants to ensure tenants are updated when they can exercise their right of return in order to protect tenants from "bad faith" renovictions;
- Consider an increase in fines for landlords who are found to have undertaken "bad faith" renovictions;

AND THAT Ontario municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding "bad faith" renovictions;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Steve Clerk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Carole Saab, CEO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Jim Pine, CAO, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
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