

MOTION

Council: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Martin Reid

WHEREAS Mississauga is experiencing a shortage of affordable housing options, including a low residential rental vacancy rate and it has therefore become more important than ever to take steps to preserve existing affordable rental premises;

AND WHEREAS tenants living in Mississauga and in other cities across Ontario are experiencing “renovictions” – where a landlord illegitimately evicts a tenant by alleging that vacant possession of a rental unit is needed to undertake renovations or repairs. Renovictions can include refusing to allow a tenant to return post-renovation, illegally raising the rent on a returning tenant or not undertaking major renovations after evicting tenants.

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has already enacted the Renovation Licence and Relocation By-law to protect its tenants and the City of Toronto will be considering a draft Renovictions By-law, modeled on the City of Hamilton By-law, at its City Council meeting on November 13, 2024;

AND WHEREAS protecting tenants who live in Mississauga against renovictions should be a high priority matter for City Council and represents an important step towards the preservation of affordable housing in Mississauga;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That staff with Legal Services, working together with internal and external stakeholders, is hereby directed to conduct research and to prepare a draft renovation bylaw modeled on the City of Hamilton Renovation Licence and Relocation By-law and the City of Toronto Renovictions By-law;
2. That Legal Services report back to General Committee in Q1 of 2025 with a Corporate Report and draft renovictions by-law for consideration.

