

Peel Region & Bill 184

Addressing the risks from increased evictions



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Context

- Bill 184 creates a faster route for evictions for tenants in arears
- Already 590 Eviction applications for evictions in Peel that pre-date Bill 184
- The Landlord Tenant Board is operating at 15% capacity processing evictions and already duty council is calling on clinics for added staff support
- COVID-19 wave 2 means more tenants face income loss & risk of eviction
- 46% of tenants have too little savings to avoid rent arrears without income
- COVID-19 requires as many people as possible to isolate at home
- Biggest COVID impact is on low income racialized and women, same population facing rising evictions

Consequences

- Rapid rise in evictions rates
- Increased homelessness
- Higher exposure to COVID-19 for people who can't self-isolate
- Growing numbers of encampments
- Issues for local business
- More municipal costs as pressure grows on municipally funded programs like shelters & Housing Stabilization Fund

Actions

- Call on Province to establish a balanced residential rent relief program similar to the Federal Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program
- Ask the MOH to declare evictions a public health concern
- Join in the legal action to prevent Bill 184 from increasing evictions
- Direct Peel Living and Peel RGI housing providers to use traditional methods for evictions and avoid the fast track evictions
- Ask the Province to reinstate the eviction moratorium

Questions?



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