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Dear Mr. Iannicca:

Thanks for your letter about housing stability. I appreciate hearing council's views on this matter.

You can be sure that I'll keep your comments in mind. I note that you have sent a copy of council's resolution to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. I'm sure that he, too, will carefully consider council's views.

Working with the people of this great province, we'll build a brighter future for Ontario.

Thanks again for contacting me.

Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Steve Clark

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

October 14, 2020

Dear Premier Ford,

As we address the continued threat of COVID-19, one critical area requiring immediate attention is housing stability. While the continuation of public health measures remains necessary, it is essential to recognize that the resulting economic impacts of the current crisis have a disproportionate effect on tenants, who are experiencing unprecedented job losses and income loss as a consequence.

To this end, Region of Peel Council passed the attached resolution at its meeting on October 8, 2020, requesting that the Province immediately restrict all residential rental evictions, except in case of threats to public safety, and maintain this moratorium on evictions until the COVID-19 pandemic is effectively contained.

With Ontario facing an escalating number of COVID-19 cases indicating that we are entering the second wave, we must support our residents facing precarious housing situations. Keeping Ontarians housed is one of the most powerful tools in controlling the spread and the impact of this virus.

As Service Manager, the Region has taken a proactive approach with all community housing providers, including the Peel Housing Corporation, to encourage a supportive and respectful approach to arrears management with a focus on maintaining successful tenancies. In close collaboration with the Peel Alliance to End Homelessness and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, the Region is also working to implement coordinated access to services for the homeless.

The Region appreciates the financial support received from the federal and provincial governments for our COVID-19 response, including the funds received through the Phase 2 allocation of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). Peel's diverse communities are realizing the positive impact of your support. Today, we are requesting the Province provide additional SSRF funding immediately to support the Region's eviction prevention programs and offset the costs of the provincially mandated rent freeze.

While progress toward a future without this virus continues, we recognize there is much more to do in the weeks and months ahead to bring these effects of the pandemic under control. I look forward to continued engagement in

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supporting those who need our help most as we work together to address the challenge and flatten this recent rise in COVID-19 cases.

Kindest personal regards,



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Regional Chair & Chief Executive Officer  
Region of Peel

CC: The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Peel MPs and MPPs  
Nancy Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Peel

Attached Resolution 2020-807

**APPROVED AT REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**October 8, 2020**

**8. COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS**

**8.3 Update on the Passage of Bill 184, Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020 and Implications for the Region of Peel**

**Resolution Number 2020-807**

**Moved by** Councillor Damerla

**Seconded by** Councillor Santos

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently experiencing a sharp increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, indicating the onset of a second wave of the pandemic;

And whereas, it is uncertain when an effective vaccine will be broadly available for COVID-19 and when public health measures can be relaxed to allow for a return to 'normalcy';

And whereas, tenants have experienced unprecedented job losses and loss of income due to continued challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis;

And whereas, housing stability is a critical tool to manage the pandemic, as acknowledged by the implementation of a moratorium on most eviction proceedings from March 19, 2020 to July 31, 2020;

And whereas, the provincial government had put a freeze on all evictions but has since rolled that back and it is now legal for landlords to once again evict tenants;

And whereas, the Region of Peel is expecting an increased demand on client services such as increased street homelessness, shelter visits and overflow costs, applications to the housing stability fund, among others;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, advocate to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that the provincial government immediately restrict all residential rental evictions, except in case of threats to public safety, and maintain this moratorium on evictions until the COVID-19 pandemic is effectively contained;

And further, that the provincial government be requested to immediately provide additional funding as requested through the Social Services Relief Fund to support the Region of Peel's eviction prevention programs and offset the costs of the provincially-mandated rent freeze;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Peel-area MPs and MPPs.