# **Delegation form**

Please note: \* indicates that the field is mandatory



## Are you speaking on behalf of a group or organization?

- C Yes
- No

## Meeting you wish to attend

- Council
- C Finance and Corporate Services committee
- C Community and Infrastructure services committee
- C Planning and Strategic Initiatives committee
- C Unknown at this time

## Date of applicable meeting (if known)

12/16/2024

## I will be participating by: \*

- C Video conference
- C Telephone
- Submitting written comments
- $\mathbf{C} ~ \text{In-person}$

# 1. Have you been in contact with a City staff with regard to your matter of interest?

C Yes

No

If you need assistance contacting the appropriate staff, call 519-741-2203.

2. Please summarize the information you wish to present as a delegation. Include such information as whether you are in support or opposition as well as identifying any questions you wish to have addressed, if applicable. Please note if you have already been a delegate on this matter, you need to specify the new information you intend on presenting.

## Please provide your answer. \*

I am urging all of council to implement the Inclusionary Zoning Plan that you voted for in March of this year, and NOT defer it to 2026. It is alarming, that during a time of extreme crisis with affordable housing in Kitchener, staff chose to limit input on this issue to members of the development industry and Kitchener development liaison committees. Furthermore, staff have recommended a deferral, and a reduction in the already very conservative number of allotted affordable units.

It would appear the priority is to extract as much profit out of the buildings as possible, where only the developers, shareholders and investors benefit.

Inclusionary zoning is a small step in helping people find reasonably affordable accommodation. The current definition of affordable housing is 80% of average market rent in the region. That hardly qualifies as a sacrifice to profitability, particularly when so few units are on offer.

Renters are not commodities. They are people who need a home.

With that in mind, Kitchener also needs to follow Hamilton's lead and implement the desperately, urgently, needed Renoviction by-law.

We are in a crisis situation here in Kitchener. People are suffering. The Renoviction by-law, and enacting the Inclusionary Zoning Plan need to be implemented immediately.

Our city is becoming unsafe.

We need a national housing plan, supportive housing, accessible housing, deeply affordable housing, co-op housing, affordable housing, rent control, and protection from bad faith landlords.

Municipalities are limited in what they can do. That is why, when you have the opportunity to help, as you do now, you must support Inclusionary Zoning and Renoviction by-laws.

Thank you.

## 3. Are there any timing and/or financial implications associated with your request?

## **Financial implications**

4. Please review the following guidelines related to registering as a delegation:

"As a delegate, you are allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to outline your request or concerns. If your delegation consists of five or more people, two spokespersons may address council/committee, each for a maximum of five minutes. Please note as these are public meetings, they may be recorded for broadcast on Rogers TV and / or the city's website.

To ensure compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), any and all materials to be displayed in the Council Chamber must be submitted to the appropriate Committee Administrator no later than noon on the business day before the meeting. Presentations must be in PowerPoint.

Please be advised that petitions submitted at a public meeting are considered to form part of the public record. Accordingly, if you wish to submit a petition please ensure that everyone who has signed it understands that their personal information will be available to the public and will NOT be protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)."

## I acknowledge and understand the guidelines for being a delegation

• Yes

C No

Accessible formats and communication supports are available upon request. If you require assistance to take part in a city meeting or event, please call 519-741-2345 or TTY 1866-969-9994.