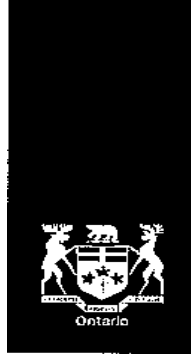


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Dear Residents of Peel Village,

I am writing to address the growing concerns surrounding rooming houses in two specific areas within our riding and community. I share your frustration and alarm over the recent surge of unsafe rooming houses in these particular parts of our city. As many of you have experienced, these conversions often result in unsafe and unsanitary conditions that not only compromise the quality of life for residents but also pose serious health, safety, and fire risks for both the community and the occupants.

There have been disturbing reports and photos from neighbors depicting deplorable living conditions in some of these properties: cars parked on lawns, piles of garbage accumulating outside, and overcrowded, unsanitary living environments inside. Alarming, fires have occurred at some of these properties, narrowly avoiding injury to those inside.

I fully support the by-law moved by our local Councillor, Dennis Keenan, to temporarily pause applications for rooming houses in only two specific areas of our city. This temporary pause will give the city the ability to address these two particular areas, which have seen a significant increase in dangerous living conditions. I believe this issue is unique to these specific parts of our city and should remain limited to the areas outlined in this motion. As Councillor Keenan has stated, this pause will allow city enforcement and officials to better protect residents from health and safety risks, while providing an opportunity for a thorough review of the current situation and the implementation of stronger regulations to safeguard our community. Health and safety must always be a top priority, and it is essential that we ensure the well-being of our residents.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognize Councillor Dennis Keenan. He has been a fierce advocate for the residents of Peel Village, and I have greatly appreciated working alongside him to address many of the issues our community has faced. From investing in additional by-law enforcement officers to passing multiple motions at City Hall to counter illegal rooming houses, I applaud his dedication and hard work on behalf of his constituents.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to our community.

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