

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

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==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Audit, Finance & Administration

==Requestor Information==

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:** We are addressing you in regards to an important issue many cities in the province of Ontario are experiencing as a result of the Current Provincial Property Tax Rebate that is being applied to vacant and semi-vacant buildings. The rebate encourages speculation, not stewardship or commercial revitalization as it was intended. The depressed look of the vacant buildings turns potential customers away and also discourages many other businesses from relocating to the area. These vacant buildings also bring crime to these Streets by offering a haven for various types of criminal activity. As a result we are petitioning the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to repeal the "Property Tax Rebate for Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings" under section 364 of the Municipality Act 2001 and Ontario Regulations 325/01. We would like to delegate to council for support.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes