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**Re: Support to the City of Toronto in their Legal Challenge of the Amendments  
made under Bill 184, Section 83  
Our File 35.2.2**

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

At its meeting held on August 10, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has caused much financial strain to residents of St. Catharines; and

WHEREAS many residents without income supports face the reality of evictions under the July 26, 2020 amendment of Provincial Bill 184 Section 83; and

WHEREAS Section 83 of Bill 184 states:

“Refusal for certain arrears of rent”

If a hearing is held in respect of an application under section 69 for an order evicting a tenant based on arrears of rent arising in whole or in part during the period beginning on March 17, 2020 and ending on the prescribed date, in determining whether to exercise its powers under subsection the Board shall consider whether the landlord has attempted to negotiate an agreement with the tenant including terms of payment for the tenant’s arrears; and

WHEREAS the City Council of Toronto voted 22-2 in support of a legal challenge of Bill 184 Section 83;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines, City Council show support to the City of Toronto in their legal challenge of the amendments made under Bill 184, Section 83; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be provided to the Premier's Office; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Niagara MPPs and MPs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



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