

**Robicheau, Vanessa**

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**Cc:** McHattie, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Rental housing licensing bylaw

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From: Ron Lancaster  
Sent: September-15-13 7:33 PM  
To: Robicheau, Vanessa  
Cc: McHattie, Brian; Rachelle Sender  
Subject: Rental housing licensing bylaw

I strongly support the new bylaw on rental housing.

I am frustrated that it has taken so many years to pass a bylaw and that it could take longer if council does not come together to help save what is left of a community that has been destroyed by absentee landlords.

In the mid-1980s I bought a house on Haddon Avenue North between King and Sterling Streets. All the houses were owned by families at the time. Except for two homes, every single house is rented out to students today. The houses are in rough shape, it is common to see garbage everywhere and there are late night parties throughout the week.

How is it possible that it has taken years to do anything about this?

Please pass the new bylaw and get on with enforcing it.

Ron

## Robicheau, Vanessa

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**Subject:** RE: Rental housing licensing bylaw

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From: Ron Lancaster  
Sent: September-16-13 10:25 AM  
To: Robicheau, Vanessa  
Cc: McHattie, Brian; Rachelle Sender  
Subject: RE: Rental housing licensing bylaw

Dear Vanessa:

I have an idea that will help make the point about the community is being destroyed.

Friends of ours have just sold their home at \_\_ Haddon Ave North. The home is immaculate and in great shape. I could ask them if a small group of people from the city could visit the home and take a few photos. The house has been sold to a numbered company. We could try to arrange for another group to visit the home in a year and see the difference between now and then.

Here is my prediction:

(1) The housing bylaw still will not have been passed.  
(2) This beautiful home will be completely destroyed. The living and dining rooms will be divided to form extra bedrooms, bedrooms will be added to the basement, the property will be a mess, and there will be garbage everywhere. A great deal of construction will have been done during the coming year all without a single permit from the city. Complaints will be made about the work being done without a permit but the city will not do a single thing about for a variety of reasons.

The photographs could be used to provide everyone with a concrete example of why a bylaw is needed. Perhaps a year from now there will a stronger will to get the bylaw passed.

Ron