

HRM Tenants Vote!

Municipal Platform

Affordable Housing

Define "Affordable"

- Revise City of Halifax's definition of affordable housing to be in line with the Provincial definition (below):
 - "'Affordable housing' is often defined as housing that is adequate (in good repair), suitable (large enough for its household occupants), and costs less than 30% of the household's pretax income."

Inclusionary Zoning

- Require a minimum of 30% of all new developments with 6 units or more to be set aside as affordable rental housing.
- Require # of units in all new developments with 30 units or more be set aside as designated accessible rental housing.

Rent Bank

- Create a municipal rent bank for tenants and underhoused people to access low-interest loans and grants towards rent, rental deposits, or utility arrears.
 - Based on the Toronto Rent Bank model
 - Note: this is funded provincially and run municipally in other provinces

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RIGHTS!



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Stop Tenant Displacement

Anti-Displacement Bylaws

- Before issuing building permits, require landlords to prove the need for vacancy.
 - As a condition for issuing building permits, mandate that landlords who need vacancy for renovations must accommodate tenants in alternative housing (comparable size and location) for the duration of the work at the same rent. Or, with the tenant's agreement, enter into a new lease for a similar unit at the same rent.
 - If implemented, mandate frequent communication to tenants during renovations to share timelines on returning to units.
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Healthy Homes

Strengthen the Landlord Registry

- Create a \$10/year per unit fee for registration to fund additional bylaw officers for proactive enforcement of Bylaw M200.
- Do proactive annual inspections of apartment buildings.
- Annual inspections to apartment buildings should include proactive tenant education (information communicated / left at doors informing tenants of their rights and available city programs) and contact information for community resources (e.g. ACORN and Dalhousie Legal Aid).

Maximum Heat

- Update Bylaw M200 to require landlords to ensure that temperatures in their rental units do not exceed 26°C.
- Create municipal cooling and heating during extreme heating/cooling events