

Item	Motion re: Reinstatement of Rent Control
Mover	Councillor Cooper
Secunder	
<p>Recommendation</p> <p>WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units.</p> <p>WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security.</p> <p>WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS without limits to rent increases, many Cambridge renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes.</p> <p>WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:</p>	

1. Cambridge City Council request the Province of Ontario reinstate rules limiting rent increases as prescribed in Sec. 120(1) of the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, for all rental units occupied for residential purposes, and that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Bryan Riddell, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.