

Request for Regional Council Consideration		
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Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021		
Subject: Creation of Bylaw for Demolition Permits		
Motion for Regional Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a Bylaw for a Permit Process covering demolitions of buildings that include leased units to ensure demolition permits are not granted until such time as municipal staff are satisfied that the provincial Residential Tenancies eviction order process has reached its conclusion, including any appeals that are lawfully made by tenants.		
Reason: We have recently witnessed a building demolition while a tenant's legal eviction appeal process had not been concluded. A lack of coordination between the municipality and the province on evictions can put residents at risk. It is critical that the municipality not exacerbate the problems between tenants and landlords and be confident that any eviction process is legal and finalized. Section 7 of the N.S. Building Code Act provides authority for municipalities to make bylaws. Specifically, sec. 7(1)(b) "providing for applications for permits and requiring the applications to be accompanied by such plans, specifications, documents and other information as is prescribed." This means, Halifax can request documentation on the status of evictions.		
Outcome Sought: A staff recommendation report on a Demolition Bylaw.		
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