

DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL

MAY 18, 2023

Subject: Vacant Home Tax

Spokesperson: Yvonne Kelly

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

It is our understanding that the staff report has recommended a deferral of a vote to proceed with a vacant homes tax for York Region to one year from now in 2024. Having done a great deal of investigation into the impact that a VHT can have on discouraging speculation on housing, we want to present our rationale for moving on this sooner than later.

Also in recognition of the increasing number of people who are becoming homeless each day in YR amidst the also increasing number of vacant homes and surging rental costs, against the backdrop of a 1-2 % fluctuating vacancy rate, we propose that using any and all tools to address this crisis of housing and homelessness is the responsible thing for Regional Council to move on.

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