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Get Involved.

Tell MPPs to modernize the rent dispute process

Today FRPO issued a major report detailing Ontario's broken eviction process. A copy of the report is available on www.frpo.org, under "Submissions".

FRPO is asking the provincial government to modernize the rent dispute process, bringing it in line with the majority of other Canadian provinces. The current eviction process is patently absurd, and the law allows tenants to remain in their apartments for months without paying any rent. This situation places a huge financial burden on landlords, particularly small ones who must find ways of making up these expenses from rents charged to the majority of tenants who do meet their payments.

Take action now

While FRPO is meeting with MPPs and Ministry of Housing staff, politicians at Queen's Park also need to hear from individual landlords and property managers that Ontario must come up with a modern, efficient system to resolve rent disputes that is fair to both tenants and to landlords.

Attached is a contact list of all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), from every riding and every political party. An MPP Contact list is also in the members-only bulletin section of frpo.org.

You can find your local MPP by entering your postal code at this website: http://fyed.elections.on.ca/fyed/en/form_page_en.jsp (then click where it says: "Click here for information on your Member of Provincial Parliament").

Contact an MPP today to voice your support for modernizing Ontario's rent dispute process. Keep up the pressure over the next few weeks.

What can be done to modernize the eviction process?

FRPO is asking the provincial government to:

- reduce the initial removal notification period from the current 14 days to five days
- require hearings to take place in five days instead of the current 29 days
- eliminate the 11 day delay to file for removal with the sheriff once the Landlord & Tenant Board approves termination
- allow private bailiffs to enforce the eviction instead of waiting 6-8 weeks for the sheriff to do it.

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