

SEPTEMBER 29 2026

Written Delegation regarding 9.8 B - E - Coalition demands answers for missing max heat bylaw report

In 2023, Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch (seconded by Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang) moved a motion for Hamilton to develop and implement a maximum indoor temperature bylaw - it was supported unanimously by the rest of Council. In September 2025, staff acknowledged the significant delay in any progress since 2023 and committed to start working on it.

A report was expected to be presented at the June 16 2026 Planning committee meeting but instead staff asked for more time and the item was deferred to September 29th.

Members of the public delegated in June to oppose the delay with concern that leaving it to September would jeopardize this critical tenant protection being voted on this term.

In anticipation of this deferred item, members of Hamilton ACORN and other allied organizations had requested to speak on it at the upcoming Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday.

Late Friday night, Hamilton ACORN members received emails from the clerk that stated the report would be delayed to December 2026.

This means that despite unanimous direction from Council to City Staff to draft and implement this desperately needed by-law dating back to 2023 - it is being punted to the next term of Council instead.

We are deeply troubled by this decision and the continued pattern of delay even after motions that are unanimously passed by council. Tenants have been put at serious risk for four summers since the motion was passed and are now being told to again wait for a critical health protection in their homes.

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