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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:55 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Urgent: Maximum Heat Allowance Bylaw Request

Dear Mr Giberson

I hope this email finds you well. As a concerned citizen and resident of Oshawa, I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing issue that affects the health and well-being of many individuals, particularly seniors and vulnerable populations, in our community.

With the current heatwave, my apartment has reached an unbearable temperature of 30°C and rising, and my housing provider has refused to turn on the air conditioning. Unfortunately, there is no bylaw in place to address this situation, leaving many residents like myself without recourse.

As you may be aware, climate change is causing more frequent and severe heatwaves, resulting in heat-related illnesses and even deaths, especially among vulnerable populations. It is imperative that we take proactive measures to protect our community.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you consider introducing a maximum heat allowance bylaw to ensure that residents are not subjected to unsafe temperatures in their homes. This bylaw could specify a maximum temperature limit, require landlords to provide adequate cooling measures, and establish procedures for addressing heat-related concerns.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you and explore ways to address this critical issue. Please let me know if we can schedule a meeting or if you require any additional information from me.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Laura Barton and partner Tiy Tadesse