14 January 2025

To: Members of the Planning and Housing Committee

Re: Renoviction Bylaw

Dear Councillors:

Following the lead of of the Federation of Citizens' Associations and the Alliance to End Homelessness, both of which are members of the Peoples Official Plan coalition (POP), POP wishes to add its collective voice to the call for the Planning and Housing Committee to find a way to include in staff's work plan for 2025 the development of a renoviction bylaw for Ottawa.

Experience elsewhere has shown that such a bylaw can be effective. For example, the New Westminster Model outcomes data show that in the first year of the bylaw, renovictions were reduced from 119 to 0.

It would be heartless for the City to proceed without even trying to address the situation here.

Yours sincerely,
The Peoples Official Plan coalition

POP coalition members include organizations that collaboratively hold the City of Ottawa accountable to its Official Plan and urge the city to go beyond it to address equity, inclusion, and climate change. Specifically, we advocate for sustainable land use; equitable access to water, good food, housing and greenspace for all; improved active transportation and transit; protection of biodiversity and habitats; and sustainable waste reduction and management. Membership is open to organizations that share these goals and agree to actively operate under our processes and collaborative governance model.