



December 8, 2025

Executive Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen St W
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Dear Executive Committee,

We are writing to you regarding Item EX28.3 - *Towards Implementing a Maximum Indoor Temperature Requirement for Rental Units and Cooling Rooms*.

We are extremely frustrated to see that a year since 2024.PH17.5 was adopted, City staff are not returning with a draft maximum heat bylaw. What's even more frustrating is their request for another year to study the issue, without even the guarantee of a draft bylaw being presented after they finish their studying.

In 2025, Toronto saw the number of days above 32°C **double**. Extreme heat is only going to continue to get worse, and low-income and working class communities are going to bear the brunt of the effects. The City needs to act with the urgency this issue demands.

We urge you to support Mayor Olivia Chow's proposed amendment to Item EX28.3 and direct City staff to quickly deliver a draft maximum indoor temperature bylaw no later than July 2026. Tenants can't wait any longer.

Sincerely yours,

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