

Dear Members of Council,

My name is Janice, and I have lived in Guelph for 46 years. For the past 16 years I have lived in the apartment buildings on the corner of Victoria and Woodlawn Road. When I originally began renting this apartment for myself and my youngest child rent was considerably lower, and far more manageable, even as a single mother at the time. I was happy to have found my affordable, friendly nook in the city.

I am now a senior citizen and certainly cannot afford the rents being charged today! With the yearly increases I now pay \$1245 each month in rent. This is extremely difficult being on a fixed income, but this apartment is my lifeline. The same apartment as I am in, but across the hall, pay about \$1000 more in rent- near \$2200 I hear. If for any reason I had to leave this unit, I would simply not be able to afford to rent in this building again.

We live in fear daily, as our landlord had the building up for sale a few months ago but we have no idea if it sold, or if he pulled his listing! We know that if they do sell this building (if they haven't already) it's only a matter of time before we will be forced out. And as rental units are only looked at as streams of income there is no way we would be allowed to stay here with our current rent price being well below the (unreasonably high) market average.

Our landlord already shows little to no interest, with no onsite superintendent, and only necessary repairs completed. They simply come once monthly to collect rent checks which are put in a lock box on the 3rd floor. Which tells me exactly where their priorities lay.

Unless something is done, we will undoubtedly be evicted in which case, where will we go? We are living in one of the most 'affordable' ends of Guelph, yet are looking at being priced out of our units. Over my years I have overcome many struggles, and have borne many hardships, however this is something I will not overcome alone. I beg each and every one of you to ask yourselves what you would want for your own parents, living in my shoes?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Pearce-Faubert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

Janice Pearce-Faubert