

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – PETITION UPDATE

The Home Owners' Association would like to thank everyone who answered our request for Petition signatures with a view to presenting them to the Ontario Legislative Assembly as part of the **Ontario Land Lease Home Owners' Action Group (OLLHAG)**. The purpose of the petition was to protect the rights of our residents and oppose landlord-paid lobbyists influencing changes to the **Residential Tenancies Act** benefitting solely landlords to the detriment of renters.

We are happy to report that Andrea Khanjin, MPP Barrie-Innisfil presented, by motion, our Sandycove HOA petitions totalling 1,328 signatures to the Ontario Legislative Assembly of Ontario on November 4, 2021, along with other MPPs representing the other members of the Ontario Land Lease Homeowners' Action Group. These signatures represented a resident return of 74% based on our Sandycove population. This is a tremendous response and far surpasses the normal rule of thumb with regard to such endeavours.

As a result of these petitions being sent to the Ontario Legislative Assembly floor, there was a great amount of interest on the part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. A meeting was held on November 9th which included members of the OLLHAG-member communities, MPPs representing other land lease communities in our Group and many Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing representatives who deal with policy making. The purpose of this meeting was to present and discuss our concerns with regards to many issues our communities have with the changes to and the application of the Residential Tenancies Act by Parkbridge. The concerns we are bringing forward do not only apply to land lease communities, but they would apply to every renter in Ontario.

We are happy with the outcome of this meeting from the interest shown by the Ministry and the MPPs and feel they are taking our concerns seriously. A follow-up meeting will be held sometime in the near future for further discussion on areas of concerns with a view to assisting the Ministry policy decision process.

We will keep you posted of any future events. Again thank you to all of those residents who returned signed petitions.

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