



**The Corporation of the City of Cornwall**  
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Division: Clerk's Division  
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Subject: Vacant Properties Tax

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Whereas a Vacant Properties Tax is to return vacant or under-utilized properties to use as long-term rental properties for people who live and work in Cornwall;  
and

Whereas this initiative is meant to help relieve pressure on Cornwall's affordable housing market; and

Whereas this initiative has the potential to motivate owners of vacant and under-used properties to rent out their properties and create a significant increase in affordable rental housing supply; and

Whereas the City Vancouver has implemented a similar Vacant Properties Tax;  
and

Whereas the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa are also looking at implementing a similar Vacant Properties Tax.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council direct Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Properties Tax.



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