

**From:** [keith beck](#)  
**To:** [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)  
**Subject:** Re: How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness  
**Date:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:09:15 PM

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So I haven't had any reply. If you could add my mail as comm

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**From:** Stevenson, Kirsten <Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca>  
**Sent:** April 21, 2023 5:08 PM  
**To:** keith beck  
**Subject:** RE: How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness

Thanks for the further clarification Keith. I'll forward your email and ask that they copy me on their response to you.

If you don't hear back from someone in the next few days please let me know.

Take care and I hope you have a great weekend.

Regards,  
Kirsten (She/Her)

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**From:** keith beck  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 4:50 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Kirsten <Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness

Thank you for the reply. Please feel free to forward the email to the Chief's office first.

I do understand the board does not direct the service under the act as council does with other city departments. But as I listen to my neighbours experience and have had the chance to raise the topic with some front-line officers, it is clear to me that some conduct by local landlords goes unreported to the police. The issue may need some public discussion and the board for the service would seem the appropriate venue.

Just so it's clear I'm not concerned with my own situation. If needed, I can call for service and explain which law I'm asking for enforcement of but I'm certain many of our neighbours and front-line officers are unaware of the same recourse.

That said, I would be glad to hear what our Chief has to say first.

Thank you,

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: "Stevenson, Kirsten" <[Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca)>

Date: 2023-04-21 4:32 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

To: keith beck

Cc: Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>, Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>

Subject: RE: How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness

Good afternoon Keith – thank you for your email.

After reviewing your message below, I would like to suggest I forward your email to the Office of the Chief of Police for review. The Chief's Office should be able to provide you with guidance and information as to what the Service may be able to assist with.

I believe this is the best course of action to deal with your concerns. If you like, either now or after you hear back from the Office of the Chief of Police, I can certainly place your correspondence on an upcoming Board agenda. The Board does not get involved in day to day operations of the Service – they are responsible for governing the Service (according to the Police Services Act).

Please let me know if you are interested in me forwarding your email to the Service and I'll get that taken care of for you.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards,  
Kirsten (She/Her)  
Hamilton Police Services Board Administrator

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**From:** keith beck

**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 4:13 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca)>; keith beck

**Cc:** Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness

Hello,

On suggestion from a local councillor's staff I request the email below be included as correspondence to the Hamilton Police Services Board for an upcoming meeting.

Thank you,

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----- Original message -----

From: Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>

Date: 2023-04-21 3:25 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

To: keith beck

Cc: Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>, Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>

Subject: RE: How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness

Hi Keith,

Thank you for reaching out, you make good and compassionate points here. I would encourage you to bring these thoughts and ideas, whether by written or in person delegation, to a Police Services Board meeting. You can request to be added to their agenda in an upcoming meeting by emailing Kirsten Stevenson at [Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca).

Thanks again,

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**Liesl Thomas**

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**From:** keith beck

**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2023 2:36 PM

**To:** [ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca); Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** How Hamilton Police can help prevent losing affordable market housing and homelessness

Hello,

This week there was a CBC story of a ward 2 senior illegally locked-out of her home and had her possessions removed without authority by her landlord. The Police were called and assisted resolving the issue.

She, of course, is not alone. I am currently dealing with my own landlord who is trying to threaten an illegal lock-out on June 1st, 2023. I am currently content with using available resources to deal with this issue, but I am certain that many of my neighbours are not as well equipped to deal with a circumstance like this. With the ongoing backlog at the LTB and the recent rise in interest rates. I expect we will have more instances like this over the next year.

Doing my own research on options to respond made me realize there are Criminal Code sections that the police could use to help. The CBC story mentions how removing a tenants property without authority could be deemed theft. Denying a tenant keys to replaced locks makes the landlord guilty of Mischief to Property. And, if a landlord has illegally evicted a tenant to rent the unit to someone else that should constitute Theft by Conversion under our Criminal Code.

Our police service is used to deferring these events to the LTB but with the backlog and financial pressure from rising interest rates, I expect many of our tenant neighbours will suffer harm the law intends to protect them from before the backlog clears.

I would suggest our police service can help our neighbours avoid this harm by being willing to devote some resource against bad-actor landlords when their conduct also violates the Criminal Code.

If you agree that this suggestion is worthwhile, I ask you forward this message to our Chief Frank Bergen to ask his response.

Thank you,

Keith Beck

Hamilton, ON

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