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Halton staff, who she said stepped in to offer immediate assistance.

According to Andrew Balahura, Halton's director of housing services, this woman isn't alone. He told council that his team has received 361 housing stability fund requests so far this year specifically related to rental arrears.

"This is actually higher than we've seen in 2019 and 2020, and we expect that this number will continue to increase over time," he said.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, who seconded the motion, said while the phrase "we're all in this together" has been touted during the pandemic, the reality is there are many who aren't in this together due to differing life circumstances.

"During the pandemic we do have those who are vulnerable, and they do need our help," he said.

In addition to a request to reinstate the eviction ban, the resolution also calls for a consultation prior to lifting the ban with municipalities and housing providers to shed light on front-line realities and timing challenges that arise when rehousing people.



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DRIVER CHARGED WITH ALLEGEDLY GOING 80 KM/H OVER LIMIT

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Halton police in Acton have suspended a driver's licence and impounded a vehicle following a traffic stop. Police reported a driver allegedly traveling at a rate of 130km/h in a posted 50 km/h zone in the early morning hours of July 4. The vehicle was stopped on Acton's Main St. S. less than 500 metres from a police station. As of July 1, changes to the Highway Traffic Act impose harsher penalties on stunt driving.

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