

## MuniLegislativeReview

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Hello,

Here are a few areas that need to be reviewed:

- Commercial vacancies are too common and allow landlords to artificially increase the value of commercial properties by holding out until tenants are willing to pay the highest fee possible. This cripples small businesses and allows for a scenario in which only the wealthy are able to afford commercial spaces. Increasing taxes on vacant properties (both residential and commercial) will force leasing rates to drop. Additionally, increasing taxes on vacant properties as a penalty based upon the length of time they are vacant can increase tax revenue overall by forcing wealthy businesses to lease to tenants sooner rather than later. This means more tax revenue for when they withhold dropping their prices and keep the units vacant, it also increases the likelihood that they will rent the unit sooner, generating revenue and tax dollars.
- Case NL has proposed numerous changes including the removal of corporate donations and union donations. If this does not come into effect then our democratic process will continue to be corrupt and favour those with power. <https://www.casenl.ca/>
- Due to the mismanagement of multiple mega projects and the province as a whole (municipalities included), implementing transparency laws that allow for the public to obtain access to information, easily and without delay, increases the likelihood that the governments will be held responsible for their actions.

Regards,

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