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Ocean Breeze Residents Sound Alarm After 144 More Demovictions Announced

DARTMOUTH, NS – The Ocean Breeze Residents' Association (OBRA) is raising urgent concerns following the April 2nd announcement that **144 additional households** in Ocean Breeze Village will be demovicted by **March 2026**. This latest notice impacts many residents, several of whom were relocated within the neighbourhood only six months ago—under assurances from developers that no further action would likely occur for *years*, and that newly developed affordable homes would be ready before anyone had to move again.

Today, it's clear: **there are no new units**.

No alternatives. No transparency. No safety net.

These 144 homes—pet-friendly 3–4 bedroom family apartments and townhomes—will be **demolished** and become **empty plots**, as previous phases have.

"This isn't just poor planning" says OBRA, "It's a calculated erasure of affordable housing in Dartmouth during the worst housing crisis in a generation."

The Stats Paint a Stark Picture

- **144 affordable homes lost** in one day.
 - **99 families** had already been evicted under phase 1 in 2023
 - **0 new units** built for those being displaced.
 - **2.1% vacancy rate** in Halifax (below healthy market standards).
 - **\$2,489 average rent in HRM (for 2 bedroom apartment)**, far out of reach for most residents.
 - **Living wage** now pegged at **\$28.30/hour** in HRM.
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What OBRA Is Demanding

1. An **immediate pause** on further evictions until a realistic, transparent rehousing strategy is in place.
2. **Affordable housing guarantees**, with clear timelines and public accountability - backed by public policy, not just developer marketing.
3. **Government intervention**—because private developers have proven they will not self-regulate.

We are not just units to clear. We are families. We are seniors. We are workers. We are your neighbours. And if this can happen in Ocean Breeze, it can happen anywhere.

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