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Dear Mayor and Council,

On Friday we will be issuing a news release to share the initial 2019 declaration data for the Empty Homes Tax. The data shows that the program is working, and is helping to put more rental homes on the market. The number of properties declared vacant have reduced by 15 per cent again this year, and 30 per cent since the start of the program. The ability to make a late declaration (after paying the \$250 bylaw fine) will open online at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday, so that those who missed the deadline can still declare and avoid paying the tax if their property is occupied or qualifies for one of the eight exemptions.

Please don't share this information until the news release has been issued tomorrow morning.

Best,  
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