

# Community Meeting (Jan 16, 2019): Ontario Standard Form Lease Redesign

## Description

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In January 2018, the Ontario government released a Standard Form Lease for residential tenancies. This was a great step towards promoting fairness in residential leases. However, we believe the document itself can be better-designed and made more accessible.

Inspired by the UK's redesign project for residential tenancies in 2014, we are engaging legal experts, advocates and community members in a co-design process to develop a digital-first re-design of the Standard Form Lease that is accessible, interactive, and grounded in community concerns and realities.

Website: <http://lawdesigncolab.ca>

## Notes

### Video recording

- Law and Design CoLab
  - It is a Civic Tech project
  - An entirely volunteer non-profit group
  - An interdisciplinary team
  - Mission to promote design thinking and cross-sector collaboration in Ontario's Justice sector
- Civic Tech
  - a multidisciplinary group of designers and developers
  - been meeting weekly in Toronto for the past few years.
- Ontario Standard Form Lease Redesign
  - original
    - came out in 2014
    - it's a fillable PDF that took over a year of consultation to produce
    - the hope is that standardization will make it easier to understand
    - however it's not what the advocates had actually wanted
      - in practical use landlords still use their own rent document and attach this form as an appendix
  - redesign
    - goals
      - digital, accessible, interactive, connected to resources
    - short timeline
    - phases
      - full prototype in Figma
        - will include design language including contrasts and etc
        - language updated
      - user testing using Figma or vision
      - Development