



DEMOLITION OF PRE-1950 BUILDINGS

The Community Heritage Commission created a Demolition Subcommittee in February 2009 to review all demolition applications for buildings constructed prior to 1950. This is in keeping with Council Policy (Nov 23/1987, revised Jan 14/1996 and May 6/1991)

When a demolition application for a pre-1950 building is forwarded to the Planning Department, the information will be electronically forwarded to the members of the CHC Demolition Subcommittee. This information will include the address of the site, information including the date of construction, the name and contact information of the applicant, and photographs.

The CHC Demolition Subcommittee will determine if a site visit is necessary and arrange one accordingly. *Note: members may only enter the property or the building with the expressed permission of the property owner.*

The CHC Demolition Subcommittee will respond with an email to the Heritage Planner (comments and recommendation reached by group consensus) within 7 days of receiving the electronic application information.

The response will indicate if the Subcommittee supports the demolition application.

When the Subcommittee supports the demolition application, and if the building is listed on the Heritage Register or on the Heritage Resource Inventory, staff will proceed with the current policy of taking a report to Council Committee of the Whole for consideration.

When the Subcommittee supports the application, and the building is not listed on the Heritage Register or Heritage Resource Inventory, staff will proceed with current policy and indicate approval to the appropriate department.

When the Subcommittee does not support the application, the application will be placed on the next CHC agenda for discussion and recommendation. This step will occur regardless of the buildings status on the Heritage Register or Heritage Resource Inventory.

On the advice of the CHC, Council could, in accordance with Part 27 Section 962 of the Local Government Act, order a Temporary Protection Order for a property if it deems it to have heritage value, even if it is neither listed nor protected by bylaw. Council would need to pass a resolution stating that the property is or may be heritage property (based on a staff report that identifies the heritage value). The Temporary Protection Order would specify a time period of up to 60 days during which time the demolition permit could be legally delayed, a statement of significance could be written, and staff could work with the applicant to attempt to have the building retained or relocated.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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