STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 564
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS vacant buildings are a blight to any neighbourhood;

AND WHEREAS there are known vacant buildings that have become fire traps, especially in the Inner City and in the North End;

AND WHEREAS some vacant buildings continue to stand vacant and derelict for months at a time before the City begins the process of by-law enforcement, and/or taking title without compensation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to evaluate the minimum standards for occupied and unoccupied dwellings, and the process undertaken to take title of a property without compensation to property owner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the evaluation consider:

- How many buildings are currently registered as vacant buildings in the City
- Of the known vacant buildings, how long have they been registered as vacant and derelict
- Successes and challenges relative to enforcement
- Successes and challenges relative to the City taking title without compensation to property owner
- Recommendations to including a discussion of resource allocation to address the challenges outlined.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law