Agenda – Council – October 24, 2019

Standing Policy Committee of Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development - Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 Historical Resources By-law Amendments

Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS Historical Resources By-law 54/2014 (the By-law) establishes the procedures for the preservation of the City's heritage buildings and structures, including the process for listing/removing buildings from the List of Historic Resources;

AND WHEREAS the By-law allows the Director of Planning, Property and Development to nominate a resource (building/structure) which is not a single family residential building, to be added to the List of Historic Resources, without the consent of the owner;

AND WHEREAS once a resource is nominated, the owner is prohibited from altering or demolishing their building until the nomination is considered by the Historic Buildings Committee and Council, a process that can take up to 36 months;

AND WHEREAS during this period, the property may sit in limbo as the owner is prevented from developing their property to its full and best use, is forced to incur maintenance costs and still pay property taxes to the City, which essentially amounts to expropriation without compensation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Historical Resources By-law 54/2014 be amended to require that any building or structure that the Director of Planning, Property and Development wishes nominate to be added to the List of Historic Resources, without the consent of the owner, shall be submitted to Council for confirmation of the nomination, by way of a two thirds vote in the affirmative.