STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,

HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 789
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS boarded vacant and delict buildings are a fire and safety risk;

AND WHEREAS neighborhoods that have higher percentages of vacant and derelict housing have seen a sharp increase in arson related activities resulting in safety risks to nearby houses;

AND WHEREAS insurance premiums increase for residents in these neighborhoods due to a higher risk of arson;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Development Procedures By-law No. 104/2020, a public hearing is required prior to the issuance of any demolition permit or removal permit where the applicant has not already obtained a building permit;

AND WHEREAS it would be more prudent to have a more flexible approach to the demolition of vacant and derelict residential buildings in housing improvement zones;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Public Service be directed to draft an amendment to the Development Procedures By-law No. 104/2020 to delegate authority to the Director of Planning, Property and Development, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, to approve demolition permits for residential buildings without requiring a public hearing.

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