

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: September 16, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Proactive Community Information and Solutions Regarding Metrolinx Demolitions on King St East, Ward 3

WHEREAS Metrolinx has announced their intention to demolish 21 vacant properties in Ward 3 for expressed safety concerns.

WHEREAS the duration of boarded up and vacant buildings have had a negative impact on the sense of community safety, pride and belonging.

WHEREAS residents have indicated they would prefer to see the vacant properties considered for proactive community enhancing solutions such as placemaking and art.

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has made more urgent and pressing the housing crisis Hamilton faces increasing the need for safe and deeply affordable housing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City Manager and Chief Building Official request of Metrolinx to prepare a community information plan that includes proactive communication from Metrolinx with adjacent neighbours to mitigate concerns of but not limited to noise, dust, structural impacts, pest management and to explore interim placemaking solutions for any properties slated for demolition.
- (b) That the City Manager and Chief Building Official request Metrolinx to provide a dedicated contact, including phone and email, for residents to connect with directly in regards to demolition related and safety concerns on the Metrolinx properties; and
- (c) That the City Manager and Director of Housing be directed to connect with Metrolinx to discuss the potential of using the Metrolinx owned properties for affordable housing.