

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Planning Committee Date: December 5, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR E. PAULS

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Demolition Control By-law Exemption for Affordable Housing Project at 1540 Upper Wentworth Avenue

WHEREAS, Council at its meeting of July 22, 2022 approved Item 5 of the Planning Committee Report 22-011, regarding Report PED22149 to facilitate the development of 126 affordable housing units located at 1540 Upper Wentworth Street.

WHEREAS, Council at its meeting of June 21, 2023, approved Item 7 of the Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 23-008, regarding Report HSC2025(a) Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Agreement 2023-2025.

WHEREAS, Council as a result of the approval of Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (HSC22023(a)) authorized and directed the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department (“GM”) to execute all ancillary agreements and documents as may be required to deliver the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative programs, with content satisfactory to the GM and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

WHEREAS, The City as Service Manager permitted the demolition of the 15 existing 15 units through Report HSC22038.

WHEREAS, The tenants of the exiting 15 units tenants have been relocated by Kiwanis and the units are vacant which is creating security concerns and additional security costs to Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Incorporated.

WHEREAS, Kiwanis has conditional site plan approval and currently working through clearing of conditions with the anticipation of construction on the 126 affordable units will commence in the summer of 2024.

WHEREAS, The expediting of the demolition permit can provide for an expedited construction timeline.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Chief Building Official be authorized to issue a demolition permit for the 15 townhouse units located at 1540 Upper Wentworth Street, in accordance with By-law 22-101, pursuant to Section 33 of the *Planning Act*, without having to comply with the conditions of section 6 (a) of Demolition Control By-law 22-101.