

18-28 King Street East Building Collapse
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To Chair and Members General Issues Committee:

As a long time Hamilton heritage advocate, I am disappointed that this report is failing to address the Ontario Heritage Act. How many of the vacant buildings registered or not are designated. The Legislation for dealing with property standards, obligations and requirements is regulated under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act. They are not the same as non designated properties. How did you apply the OHA Legislation to 18-28 King Street East. Appendix A makes no mention of employing the Act?

In addition to the Ontario Heritage Act, the City of Hamilton Property Standards By-Law has special provisions to address heritage properties "GENERAL STANDARDS FOR ALL DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTIES, VACANT AND/ OR DAMAGED DESIGNATED PROPERTIES, and COMPLIANCE, which include Offences and Fines, Power of City to Repair or Demolish, Right to Enter Interiors and Inspect.

There is also the Ontario Building Code. Is there perhaps a lack of understanding of the various Legislative Acts and tools available and how to apply. I fail to understand how these building collapsed.

To the GIC Members, based on what I have read in this report, there are many questions that need to be asked to find out the root causes of this disaster AND FIX IT!

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