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City of Toronto Building Division Toronto and East York District

Attn: Mr. Peter Au

Manager, Plan Review

Dear Peter:

214 Sherbourne Street Demolition Permit 09-105074

As per our previous discussions in regard to this application, the owner of the property has decommissioned this building approximately one year ago. It was a rooming house.

Since that time it has been a continual struggle to maintain the security of the premises. We have had a number of break-ins and find the vandalism ongoing. In our opinion, it will be only a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt by breaking in seeking a location at which to administer drugs. All services have been disconnected

We are also very concerned that someone will start a fire on the property, and if this occurs, there could be damage inflicted upon the Toronto Community Housing apartment building next door.

The property owner has been in ongoing discussions with Councillor Rae as to the redevelopment of this specific piece of property and the overall site. The intent is to build a high rise condominium on these properties as per the attached drawings. As you can see, we own the lands from 214 Sherbourne all the way north to, but not including the little strip plaza on the corner of Sherbourne and Dundas.

We continue to negotiate as to the potential acquisition of the plaza.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in securing the demolition permit for 214 Sherbourne Street. We sincerely believe that the removal of this structure will make this a safer neighbourhood.

Yours truly,

Helmuth Strobel