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Planning and Growth Management Committee
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Dear Chair Milczyn and Committee Members,

NEW BUSINESS REQUEST: Demolition permit requirements for institutional sites

The City of Toronto protects its housing stock by requiring individuals demolishing residential homes to submit replacement building plans prior to the issuance of any demolition permit. No such requirement currently exists for buildings located on institutional lands such as schools.

With the increasing trend by School Boards to sell off school lands in the City of Toronto, the City and its residents are vulnerable to the negative impacts associated with demolishing buildings located on these lands. This includes the loss of buildings with heritage and cultural significance and the loss of community spaces and hubs.

With no requirements for building replacement, lands can also remain vacant for an extended period of time once a building is demolished. These vacant and often unmaintained lands can contribute to decreased property values in the area and become holes in our city streetscape.

In this context, I request that the Planning and Growth Management Committee request that:

1. The Chief Building Official and the Chief Planner report back on implementing conditions on demolition building permits for buildings located on institutional sites, similar to those requirements currently in place for residential demolition permits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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