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Members of City Council

MM27.9 Investigating Expiry Dates for Building Permits

The South Armour Heights Residents' Association was pleased to see that Councillors Ainslie and Bradford have put a Motion forward for a request that the City of Toronto communicate with the Province of Ontario to review implementing expiry dates on buildings permits across the City of Toronto.

It is time that something is done about these never-expiring building permits.

In our area, we have struggled with the consequences of these 'old' Building Permits for both residential and commercial developments. In the elapsed years, the zoning by-laws were changed, causing new complications at these sites. New variances now come into play. These situations have consumed major time, effort and costs for our residents' association, the City as well as the developer.

The request is for the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to work with the Province of Ontario to review implementing expiry dates on building permits for Toronto. They would report back to the Planning and Housing Committee in the second quarter of 2021.

We hope Toronto will take the lead in getting a Building Permit expiry process established with the Province of Ontario that can then be adopted by other urban centres who are likely facing the same complications with aged/out-dated permits.

Sincerely

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