

Residential Demolition Application - 2- 6 Humber Hill Avenue

Date: February 25, 2020
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Deputy Chief Building Official and Director, Toronto Building
Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 4 (Parkdale - High Park)

SUMMARY

In accordance with city-wide residential demolition control under the Toronto Municipal Code Ch. 363, under the authority of Section 33 of the Planning Act, the application for the demolition of three (3) existing detached dwellings located at 2, 4, and 6 Humber Hill Avenue (Application No(s). 20-108275 DEM, 20-108306 DEM, 20-108312 DEM) is being referred to the Toronto and East York Community Council for consideration to refuse or grant the application, including any conditions, if any, to be attached to the permit application because a building permit has not been issued for a replacement building.

This staff report is regarding a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director and Deputy Chief Building Official, Toronto Building, Toronto East York District recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Refuse the application to demolish the residential buildings because there is no permit for a replacement building on the site; or
2. Approve the application to demolish the residential buildings without any conditions; or

3. Approve the application to demolish the residential buildings with the following conditions:

- a) That construction fences be erected in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 363, if deemed appropriate by the Chief Building Official;
- b) That all debris and rubble be removed immediately after demolition;
- c) That sod be laid on the site and that the site be maintained free of garbage and weeds, in accordance with the Municipal Code Chapter 629-10, paragraph B and 629-11; and
- d) That any holes on the property are backfilled with clean fill.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

DECISION HISTORY

There is no decision for this property.

COMMENTS

Together with the buildings located on the lands municipally known as 3775, 3779, 3803, and 4003-4005 Dundas Street West, the dwellings located at 2-6 Humber Hill Avenue are to be demolished and the site re-developed for the purposes of a new thirteen (13) storey mixed-use building containing 297 rental and affordable-rental residential units with grade related retail complete with a three (3) level underground parking facility. This application is to permit the demolition of the residential building on the lands in advance of a replacement building permit.

As the buildings located on the lands 3775-4005 Dundas Street West are non-residential and are located in the former City of York, a demolition permit for these buildings is not capable of being issued by Toronto Building without a replacement permit. A related application to permit the demolition of the non-residential buildings in advance of a replacement building permit has also been submitted where referral to City Council is required.

A review of the City database reveals that a rezoning of the site was approved in July of 2017 with the adoption of site specific By-law 827-2017. Site plan approval application 12- 295562 SA for the development of the site is currently under review by City Planning and a review of permit history associated with this project reveals that an application to construct the proposed new building has not been submitted to date.

At the time of writing of this report, a request to modify the approval granted by council to permit changes to the built form has been submitted to the Committee of Adjustment (COA). This application has not been scheduled to date.

The Agent on behalf of the Owner of the lands has provided a letter to indicate their intent to demolish all of the buildings for the purposes of developing the lands consistent with the approval granted by council. The letter indicates that on October 2, 2019, City Council approved the project under the Open Door Affordable Housing Program and the project is enrolled in the federal CMHC Rental Construction Financing program. Due to the requirements of CMHC, the Owner advises that it is critical to proceed with demolition and environmental site works at this time.

The Owner advises that a delay in the issuance of the demolition permits will directly delay CMHC financing approval and subsequently the construction start date. The issuance of demolition permits at this time for all of the buildings simultaneously would allow for soil investigation and remediation necessary for the mandatory filing of a Record of Site Condition (RSC) applicable to the development.

The letter indicates that the site would be cleared and appropriately hoarded while the development approval process in the related COA application and site plan approval review is perfected. Please find attached a copy of the correspondence submitted by the Agent on behalf of the Owner in this regard.

Since the buildings at 2 -6 Humber Hill Avenue are improved with residential buildings and a building permit for a replacement building has not been issued for the site, this application is being referred to the Toronto and East York Community Council. In such cases, the Municipal Code requires Community Council to approve or refuse the demolition permit.

This application is to permit the demolition of the residential building on the lands in advance of a replacement building permit. The application for demolition has been circulated for comment to Urban Forestry - Tree Protection and Protection Review, and the Ward Councillor.

Toronto Building staff have confirmed that the dwelling is not presently subject to the Ontario Heritage Act. City Planning staff have also confirmed that the approval for demolition in accordance with Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act (Rental Residential Demolition) is not required in this instance.

The application for residential demolition is being referred to the Toronto and East York Community Council because the site contains residential buildings that are proposed to be demolished and the owner has not obtained a permit to replace the buildings on the site at this time.

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SIGNATURE

Kamal Gogna
Director & Deputy Chief Building Official, Toronto Building
Toronto and East York District

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Agent on behalf of Owner
2. Site Plan of 2-6 Humber Hill Avenue & 3775-4005 Dundas Street West

Attachment 1: Letter from Agent



January 29, 2020

Sandra Burrows
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**Re: Demolition Permit Request
3803 DSW Urban Properties Inc.
3775-4005 Dundas Street West & 2-6 Humber Hill Avenue**

Dear Ms. Burrows,

Please accept this letter in support of our request to permit the demolition of the following properties in advance of a replacement building permit:

Demolition Address	Building Permit Application No.	Demolition Type
3775 Dundas Street West	19 264181 DEM 00 DM	Non-residential
3779-3801 Dundas Street West	19 264205 DEM 00 DM	Non-residential
3803 Dundas Street West	19 264218 DEM 00 DM	Non-residential
4003-4005 Dundas Street West	19 264231 DEM 00 DM	Non-residential
2 Humber Hill Avenue	20 108275 DEM 00 DM	Residential
4 Humber Hill Avenue	20 108306 DEM 00 DM	Residential
6 Humber Hill Avenue	20 108312 DEM 00 DM	Residential

The demolition permit applications have been submitted to facilitate the development of a new 13-storey mixed-use rental apartment building on the lands; 20% of the proposed development is affordable rental in response to the City-wide need for affordable housing. On October 2, 2019, City Council approved the project under the Open Door Affordable Housing Program. The project is also enrolled in the federal CMHC Rental Construction Financing program which is a key component of the National Housing Strategy.

Due to CMHC requirements, it is critical to proceed with demolition and environmental site works as soon as possible. Any delay in the issuance of the demolition permits will directly delay CMHC financing approval and subsequently the construction start date.

Since the site is within the area of Special Demolition Control under By-law 3102-95, the demolition permit applications are being referred to the Etobicoke York Community Council. It is requested that this item is considered at Community Council as early as possible to ensure the viability of the affordable housing program in the development.

An application for Site Plan Approval has been submitted to the City and is being processed, with the issuance of the NOAC anticipated in early 2020. The development will result in significant improvements to the public realm and streetscape. Construction Documents have been initiated and a Building Permit application is targeted for the spring of 2020. All existing residential and commercial buildings have been vacated in preparation for the demolition.

For logistical purposes, and to ensure minimal impact to the community as a result of demolition activities, it is important that all existing buildings are demolished at once. The site will be cleared and protected with the use of fencing and hoarding.

A Rental Housing Demolition and Conversion Application is not required for the residential units, as confirmed by the Screening Form included with the Site Plan and Demolition applications.

We trust that the information outlined above is satisfactory. Thank you for your consideration and support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mavi Developments Inc.,
authorized agent of 3803 DSW Urban Properties Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marly Levene". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marly Levene, Development Manager

Attachment 2: Site Plan of 2 Humber Hill Avenue

