



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Advancing Work on the Wellington Destructor

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Fletcher

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Malik, seconded by Councillor Fletcher, recommends that:

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1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with CreateTO, to complete the following:
 - a. An analysis on the redevelopment work completed on the Wellington Destructor site to date, including a summary of past partner-driven redevelopment efforts and procurement processes, and identifying key lessons learned;
 - b. A preliminary feasibility assessment for future activation, informed by asset management direction and prior Council direction to consider free and accessible community space, affordable space for non-profit and arts organizations, and local food programming; and incorporating community input from 2019 RFP and targeted market engagement with non-profit, cultural and community sectors;
 - c. Potential funding strategies including provincial and federal programs, philanthropic contributions, grants and partnerships that could support a future market sounding
 - d. A communication strategy to update the public on report conclusions and project status, reflecting past community input,

and report to the Executive Committee in Q1 2027 on outcomes and options for redevelopment as recommended by CreateTO.

SUMMARY:

The Wellington Destructor is a significant City-building opportunity to provide much needed amenities for the growing Niagara neighbourhood, set to include significant new development and two new parks forthcoming at 801 Wellington and 10 Ordnance.

The Wellington Destructor has long been identified as having significant potential for activation. Community engagement began in 2017 with the community to inform a vision for the Destructor, to include nonprofit-oriented programming and market activations, among other potential uses. Following a request for proposals and subsequent contract termination, CreateTO has worked to undertake a building condition assessment and costing for state of good repair and other upgrades, explore temporary repurposing of lands for community events, art installations, or other purposes, as well as work with third-party facilitators to identify next steps for visioning and community engagement. These recommendations are aimed at ensuring we advance the next steps for community engagement, identify relevant City and interdivisional funding sources and continue to advance work on this project.

This motion is urgent to adequately plan for the next round of community engagement.