

7 and 11 Rochefort Drive Rental Housing Demolition Application – Decision Report – Approval

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To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Strategic Initiatives Policy and Analysis

Ward: 16 - Don Valley East

Rental Housing Demolition Application Number: 21 239145 NNY 15 RH

Related Planning Application Number: 21 239141 NNY 15 OZ

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of a Rental Housing Demolition application which proposes to demolish two 4-storey apartment buildings containing a total of 128 rental dwelling units located at 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive. The 128 rental units are proposed to be replaced as part of the new development on the site. The proposal includes a Tenant Assistance Plan that addresses the right of existing tenants to return to replacement rental units at similar rents and provides financial compensation to mitigate hardship.

The proposed development on the site at 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive is the subject of a related Zoning By-law Amendment application 21 239141 NNY 15 OZ which was appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). The OLT issued a written decision on December 17, 2025, approving the Zoning By-law amendment in principle, with the final Order being withheld until all outstanding matters, including the rental housing matters and necessary agreements with the City, are secured. The OLT approval in principle permits the development of 3 residential buildings with heights of 53, 47 and 30 storeys (Towers A, B and C) containing a total of 1,496 dwelling units, including 128 rental replacement units. The rental replacement units are proposed to be replaced in Tower C which will be constructed as the first phase of a two phase development, along with Tower B.

This report also recommends approval of the Residential Demolition Permit under Chapter 363 of the Toronto Municipal Code, subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis recommends that:

1. City Council approve the Rental Housing Demolition application File Number 21 239145 NNY 15 RH in accordance with Chapter 667 of the Toronto Municipal Code and pursuant to Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 to permit the demolition of 128 existing rental dwelling units located at 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive, subject to the following conditions:

a. The owner shall provide and maintain 128 replacement rental dwelling units on the subject site for a period of at least 20 years beginning from the date that each replacement rental dwelling unit is first occupied and, during which time, no application may be submitted to the City for condominium registration, or for any other conversion to a non-rental housing purpose, or for demolition without providing for replacement;

b. The replacement rental dwelling units required by Recommendation 1.a. above shall collectively have a total gross floor area of at least 8,645 square metres and be comprised of 128 two-bedroom units, as generally illustrated in the plans submitted to City Planning dated May 26, 2025. Any revision to these plans shall be to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning;

c. The owner shall, as part of the 128 replacement rental dwelling units required in Recommendation 1.a above, provide at least 114 two-bedroom units replacement rental dwelling units at affordable rents, defined as gross monthly rent no greater than one times the average City of Toronto rent by unit type, as reported annually by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and 14 two-bedroom units at mid-range rents, defined as gross monthly rent that exceeds Affordable Rent but is no greater than 1.5 times the average City of Toronto rent by unit type, all for a period of at least 10 years beginning from the date of first occupancy of each unit.

d. The owner shall provide a Tenant Assistance Plan for tenants of the 128 existing rental dwelling units proposed to be demolished to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning;

e. The owner shall provide tenants of all 128 replacement rental dwelling units with access to, and use of, all indoor and outdoor amenities in the proposed 30-storey building (Tower C) at no extra charge. Access to, and use of, these amenities shall be on the same terms and conditions as any other resident of the building without the need to pre-book or pay a fee, unless specifically required as a customary practice for private bookings;

f. The owner shall provide ensuite laundry and central air conditioning in each replacement rental dwelling unit at no extra charge;

g. The owner shall provide and make available for rent at least 70 vehicle parking spaces to tenants of the replacement rental dwelling units. Such parking spaces shall be made available firstly to returning tenants who previously rented a vehicle parking space, and at similar monthly parking charges that such tenants previously paid. The remaining vehicle parking spaces shall be made available to tenants of the replacement rental units to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning;

h. The owner shall provide tenants of all replacement rental dwelling units with access to bicycle and visitor parking on the same terms and conditions as any other resident of the proposed development;

i. The replacement rental dwelling units required in Recommendation 1.a. above shall be made ready and available for occupancy no later than the date by which 70% of the new dwelling units in the first phase of the proposed development (exclusive of the replacement rental dwelling units) and any units in the second phase of the proposed development are made available and ready for occupancy, subject to any revisions to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning;

j. The owner shall enter into, and register on title to the lands, an agreement pursuant to Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 to secure the conditions outlined in Recommendations 1.a. through 1.i. above all to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.

2. City Council authorize the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to issue Preliminary Approval of the Rental Housing Demolition Permit under Chapter 667 of the Toronto Municipal Code pursuant to Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 for the demolition of the 128 existing rental dwelling units located at 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive after all the following have occurred:

a. All conditions in Recommendation 1 above have been fully secured;

b. The Zoning By-law Amendments for application 21 239141 NNY 15 OZ have come into full force and effect;

c. The issuance of the Notice of Approval Conditions for site plan approval of Tower C by the Executive Director, Development Review or their designate, pursuant to Section 114 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, or as otherwise determined by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning;

d. The issuance of excavation and shoring permits (conditional or full permit) for the approved development on the site; and

e. The owner has confirmed, in writing, that all existing rental dwelling units proposed to be demolished are vacant.

3. City Council authorize the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building to issue a Rental Housing Demolition Permit under Chapter 667 of the Toronto

Municipal Code after the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, or their designate, has given Preliminary Approval referred to in Recommendation 2 above.

4. City Council authorize the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building to issue a Residential Demolition Permit under Section 33 of the Planning Act and Chapter 363 of the Toronto Municipal Code for 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive after the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning has given Preliminary Approval referred to in Recommendation 2 above, which may be included in the Rental Housing Demolition Permit under Chapter 667 pursuant to section 6.2 of Chapter 363, on condition that:

- a. The owner removes all debris and rubble from the site immediately after demolition;
- b. The owner erects solid construction hoarding to the satisfaction of the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building;
- c. The owner erects the proposed Phase 1 buildings (Towers B and C) on the site no later than three (3) years from the date that the demolition of the existing rental dwelling units commences, subject to the timeframe being extended at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning; and
- d. Should the owner fail to complete the proposed building within the time specified in Recommendation 4.c. above, the City Clerk shall be entitled to enter on the collector's roll, as with municipal property taxes, an amount equal to the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per dwelling unit for which a demolition permit is issued, and that such amount shall, until payment, be a lien or charge upon the land for which the Residential Demolition Permit is issued.

5. City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to take such actions as are necessary to implement City Council's decision, including execution of the Section 111 Agreement and any other related agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

City Planning confirms that there are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations included in this Report in the current budget year or in future years.

DECISION HISTORY

On November 13, 2024 City Council adopted an Appeal Report from the Director, Community Planning, North York District, and directed the City Solicitor together with appropriate City staff to attend the OLT to oppose the Zoning By-law Amendment application and to continue discussions with the applicant to resolve issues outlined in the report. The Decision of City Council may be found here:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.NY18.11>

On May 21, 2025, City Council adopted the recommendations of a Request for Directions Report from the City Solicitor and endorsed a settlement offer to permit a revised development proposal. The Decision of City Council may be found here: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.CC30.11>

On December 17, 2025, the OLT issued a Decision and Interim Order to approve, in principle, the Zoning By-law Amendment application for 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive, subject to conditions.

THE SITE

Description

The site has an area of approximately 13,326 square meters and is located east of Don Mills Road and south of Eglinton Avenue East (see Attachment 1: Location Map).

Existing Rental Housing

The buildings at 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive currently contain a total of 128 rental dwelling units located in two 4-storey apartment buildings. At the time of writing this report, there are 9 vacant units. The breakdown by unit type and rent classification of the building at the time of application is outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Existing Rental Dwelling Units and Rent Classifications

Unit Type	Affordable	Mid-Range	Total
Two-bedroom	114	14	128
Total	114	14	128

The Official Plan's income-based rent classifications do not apply to this application because it was submitted prior to when [Official Plan Amendment 558 - Updating the Definitions of Affordable Rental and Ownership Housing](#) came into force an effect on December 14, 2021. The former Official Plan Affordable and Mid-range rent classifications are based off Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Average Market Rents for the City of Toronto.

THE APPLICATION

Description

The Rental Housing Demolition application proposes the demolition of 128 rental dwelling units within the existing buildings at 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive. A related Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to permit the development of 3 residential buildings comprised of a 57-storey building (Tower A) with 574 dwelling units, a 47-storey building (Tower B) with 539 and a 30-storey building (Tower C) with 383 dwelling units, including 128 rental replacement units. The development is proposed to be

constructed in 2 phases. Phase 1, which includes Towers B and C and contains the replacement rental units, will be constructed first, followed by Phase 2, which consists of Tower A.

Replacement Rental Units

The total gross floor area of the 128 replacement rental units is 8,645 square metres, which is over 100% of the gross floor area of the existing rental units proposed to be demolished.

The proposed replacement rental units will have the same unit type and rent classification as the existing rental dwelling units, as outlined in Table 1 above.

Tenant Assistance Plan

A Tenant Assistance Plan that addresses tenants' right to return to a replacement unit and assistance to lessen hardship will be provided to all eligible tenants residing in the existing rental dwelling units. Tenant assistance is provided to tenants upon move out after they receive a formal eviction notice.

All tenants, regardless of when they moved in, will receive the following:

- at least six months' notice before having to vacate their existing dwelling unit;
- compensation equal to three months' rent, pursuant to the Residential Tenancies Act (RTA); and
- additional compensation for tenants with special needs, as determined by the Chief Planner.

Eligible tenants—those tenants who moved in prior the Rental Housing Demolition application being submitted or moved in after the application submission date and did not sign a City-approved lease addendum—will receive the following additional assistance:

- the right to return to a rental replacement unit of the same type, at similar rent;
- rent gap assistance to assist tenants in paying market rents for the period between when they move out and can return, estimated at 36 months;
- additional rent gap assistance if tenants cannot return as scheduled;
- move-out and move-back moving allowances; and
- services of a rental leasing agent to help tenants find and apply to suitable interim housing.

Reasons for Application

This application to redevelop the subject site involves the demolition of rental housing. Since the development site contains six or more residential units, of which at least one unit is rental housing, an application is required under Chapter 667 of the City's Municipal Code, the Rental Housing Demolition and Conversion By-law. The By-law requires that an applicant obtain a permit from the City allowing the demolition of the

existing rental housing units. The City may impose conditions that must be satisfied before a demolition permit is issued.

A Rental Housing Demolition application was submitted on December 1, 2021. Staff conducted a site visit on May 9, 2024 and a Tenant Meeting on October 22, 2025, details of which are summarized in the Public Engagement section of this report.

The related rezoning application (21 239141 NNY 15 OZ) was submitted on December 1, 2021. The related Site Plan application was submitted on March 31, 2023 .

POLICY AND REGULATION CONSIDERATIONS

Provincial Land-Use Policies

All decisions of Council in respect of the exercise of any authority that affects a planning matter shall be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024), and shall conform to provincial plans.

Official Plan

The Official Plan outlines the City's policies and objectives for land use planning and development. Section 3.2.1 of the Official Plan contains the City's policies pertaining to the provision, maintenance and replacement of housing.

Policy 3.2.1.6 requires that new development that would result in the loss of six or more rental dwelling units replace at least the same number, size and type of rental units as exist on the site and maintain rents similar to those in effect at the time of application. The policy also requires the applicant to develop an acceptable tenant assistance plan, addressing the right to return to the replacement units at similar rents and other assistance to lessen hardship.

The City's [Rental Housing Demolition and Replacement Handbook](#) outlines how Policy 3.2.1.6 is typically implemented.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Tenant Meeting

An in-person meeting was held on October 22, 2025 to review the City's housing policies, the impact of the proposed demolition on existing tenants, and the proposed Tenant Assistance Plan. The meeting was attended by 60 tenants, representatives of the applicant, City Planning and Development Review staff, and the local councillor. Tenants also submitted written correspondence with additional comments.

Tenants asked questions and expressed concerns about:

- Construction timeline and when tenants will be required to vacate their existing rental units;
- How provincial guideline rent increases are applied to replacement units;
- The proposed replacement rental unit sizes;
- Access to parking and amenities in the new building;
- Seniority and the process for selecting and returning to a replacement rental unit;
- What financial compensation would be provided under the City-approved Tenant Assistance Plan and how it would be administered to tenants; and
- Whether the City has contingencies in place for construction delays.

COMMENTS

Provincial Planning Statement and Provincial Plans

Staff's review of this application has had regard for the relevant matters of provincial interest set out in the Planning Act. Staff has reviewed the current proposal for consistency with the PPS (2024). Staff find the proposal consistent with the PPS (2024).

Replacement Rental Housing

Staff are satisfied with the proposed approach to replacing the rental dwelling units proposed to be demolished, which includes replacement of all 128 existing rental dwelling units by their respective bedroom type, and affordability classification.

The replacement rental units will be provided with ensuite laundry facilities and central air conditioning, which represents an improvement over the existing rental housing units. Tenants of the replacement rental units will also have access to bicycle parking, visitor parking, and all indoor and outdoor amenities, on the same terms and conditions as any other resident of the building.

The applicant has agreed to provide at least 70 parking spaces for the tenants of the replacement rental units. Returning tenants who currently rent a vehicle parking space in the existing building will be offered a parking space at a similar monthly rate to what they are currently paying. This approach provides for each of the 70 eligible tenant households that rent at least one parking space in the existing buildings to be offered a parking space in the new development if they return.

The replacement units will be maintained as rental housing for at least 20 years, beginning on the date the replacement rental units are first occupied, and tenants that occupy one of the replacement rental units during the initial 10-year period will have rents that will only increase by the annual provincial guideline until their tenancies end, irrespective of whether the Guideline applies to the proposed development under the RTA.

The replacement rental units and associated conditions address the replacement requirements of Official Plan policy 3.2.1.6 and are consistent with the City's implementation approach as outlined in the Rental Housing Demolition and Replacement Handbook.

Tenant Assistance Plan

The Tenant Assistance Plan is consistent with the City's current practices as outlined in the [Rental Housing Demolition and Replacement Handbook](#). The Tenant Assistance Plan will support tenants to access and afford suitable housing within the neighbourhood until the new building and replacement rental units are available for occupancy.

The rental replacement matters and tenant assistance plan will be secured through an agreement pursuant to Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map - 7 and 11 Rochefort Drive

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