

Request for Demolition – 467-469 Dufferin Ave, East Woodfield Heritage Conservation District

First, I will state that I am not in favour of issuing a demolition permit without also a proposal to replace the structure with something in keeping with the East Woodfield Heritage Conservation District guidelines. The owners of the site have only shown disregard for the East Woodfield Heritage Conservation District guidelines and to the City of London Official Plan by-laws that relate to this neighbourhood to date.

Second, I do not have the expertise to assess if anyone would really want to and practically be able to rehabilitate the structure that is currently on the site. But, from my vantage point, it appears that it would be a labour of love and I expect there would be few persons who have that skill, willingness, and resources to commit to rehabbing the current structure. Given this situation, the building is likely to remain vacant/abandoned. That is not in the interest of anyone – the owner, possible residents, the neighbourhood, or the City.

I think that if the owner is really interested in moving forward then there has to be a proposal that fits with the existing planning guidelines and bylaws for this site. If this were done, then it would be support from some of the neighbours as there is support for something better than the status quo being there. Of course, there will be persons that think the structure should be saved based upon the buildings social history and architectural uniqueness. There will be debate on rehabbing versus something new (but appropriate) for the site. Something would be worked out and sooner rather than later a resolution will be reached and a serviceable residence would again be at this address. I would readily celebrate a viable residence once again functioning at 467-469 Dufferin Ave.

Sincerely,

Burton Moon