

Bill No. 364
2022

By-law No.

A by-law to approve the potential demolition of abandoned buildings with municipal addresses of 421 Wharncliffe Road South, 254 Hamilton Road, and 7234 Littlewood Drive under the Property Standards provisions of the *Building Code Act*.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 15.1(3) of the *Building Code Act* provides that the council of a municipality may pass a by-law to require property that does not conform with the standards to be repaired and maintained to conform with the standards or the site to be cleared of all buildings, structures, debris or refuse and left in graded and levelled condition;

AND WHEREAS Council has passed Property Standards By-law CP-16 that requires owners of property that does not conform to the standards of the by-law to repair and maintain the property to conform with the standards of the by-law or to clear it of all buildings, structures, debris or refuse and left in a graded and levelled condition;

AND WHEREAS section 15.2(2) of the *Building Code Act* provides that an officer who finds that a property does not conform with the standards prescribed in the Property Standards By-law may make an order giving reasonable particulars of the repairs to be made or stating that the site is to be cleared of all buildings, structures, debris or refuse and left in a graded and levelled condition;

AND WHEREAS section 15.4 of the *Building Code Act* provides that, if an order of an officer under section 15.2(2) is not complied with in accordance with the order as deemed confirmed or as confirmed or modified by the committee or a judge, the municipality may cause the property to be repaired or demolished accordingly;

AND WHEREAS section 15.4(3) of the *Building Code Act* provides that a municipal corporation or a person acting on its behalf is not liable to compensate the owner, occupant or any other person by reason of anything done by or on behalf of the municipality in the reasonable exercise of its powers under subsection (1);

AND WHEREAS section 15.4(4) of the *Building Code Act* provides that the municipality shall have a lien on the land for the amount spent on the repair or demolition under subsection (1) and the amount shall have priority lien status as described in section 1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

AND WHEREAS Council passed By-law A.-6554-211 to adopt a Policy whereby, in the event a confirmed Property Standards Order is not complied with, the City's Manager of By-law Enforcement shall not cause the property to be demolished unless he or she has reported to Council setting out the reasons for the proposed demolition and Council has passed a by-law approving of the proposed demolition;

AND WHEREAS a property standards order has not been complied with in accordance with the order as deemed confirmed or as confirmed or modified by the committee or a judge;

AND WHEREAS the City's Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer has reported to Council setting out the reasons for the proposed demolition;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Council wishes to cause the property to be demolished;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The potential demolition of the abandoned buildings in the City of London (listed below) is approved and the properties may be cleared of all identified buildings, structures, debris, and refuse and left in a graded and levelled condition in accordance with the *City of London Property Standards By-law* and the *Ontario Building Code Act*. The municipal addresses of the properties are:

- 421 Wharncliffe Road South
- 254 Hamilton Road
- 7234 Littlewood Drive

2. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on October 17, 2022

Ed Holder
Mayor

Michael Schulthess
City Clerk

First reading – October 17, 2022
Second reading - October 17, 2022
Third Reading - October 17, 2022