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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"  
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Subject: RE: 1354 Arbutus St - garage collapse

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

By way of an update on the above matter, the property owner has now applied for a permit to demolish the garage. We expect this will preclude the need for further legal intervention by the City.

Best,  
Paul

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From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:46 PM  
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL  
Cc: City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL  
Subject: 1354 Arbutus St - garage collapse

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Further to Councillor Dominato's formal enquiry this morning, I am writing to provide an update on the status of the above matter.

The semi-detached garage at issue is accessed from the lane east of Arbutus is in the process of collapsing (reference attached photo). It appears that the structure has been compromised for several years, although the collapse has accelerated in recent months, possibly due to damage from water ingress.

The Chief Building Official attended the site this afternoon and has confirmed that the condition of the garage does not represent an immediate risk to the public. Temporary fencing has been installed beyond the anticipated collapse zone and access from the main building has been blocked off.

While the immediate risk to public safety has been addressed, the CBO also confirm that the structure should be demolished. Of note, the temporary fencing is impeding access to/from neighbouring properties.

In the absence of imminent safety risk, we are reviewing alternate legal authorities to compel the demolition. We will provide further updates as new information is available.

Best,  
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