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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: CBO recommends demolition of building at 500 Dunsmuir Street (December 16, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin regarding a Chief Building Official report recommending the building at 500 Dunsmuir Street be demolished. The report will be considered at the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 at 3 pm. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Information Bulletin
City of Vancouver
December 16, 2024

Chief Building Official recommends demolition of building at 500 Dunsmuir Street

Today, the Chief Building Official (CBO) submitted a report [\[LINK TO REPORT\]](#) recommending City Council adopt a resolution to declare the building at 500 Dunsmuir Street a danger to public safety. If adopted, the property owner, 500 Dunsmuir Property Ltd., owned by Holborn Properties, will be required to demolish the structure.

The report will be considered during a special council meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 3 pm.

Following an on-site inspection with third-party engineers, the CBO determined that stabilizing the structure cannot be done safely in a timely manner. Vacant since 2013, the structure has suffered extensive damage from years of neglect. Key concerns include:

- Severe water damage
- Contamination from hazardous building materials and wildlife biowaste
- Compromised structural integrity

Building maintenance, regardless of a building's occupancy status, is the responsibility of the property owner. While the City had been aware of the building's deteriorating condition, the full extent of the damage only became evident recently. Upon learning of the severity, the City acted immediately to conduct inspections, engage third-party experts, and ensure that appropriate actions were taken to protect public safety.

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