



PURPOSE OF DEMOLITIONS

1. Why must these buildings be demolished?

Demolitions are being undertaken in the interest of community safety. Demolition is necessary due to the precarious state of the buildings, and the anticipated cost of making these buildings suitable for tenancy.

2. Why can't Metrolinx sell these buildings or give them to the City?

Planned demolition for a number of Metrolinx-owned properties is being undertaken in the interest of community safety. Demolition is necessary due to the precarious state of the building, and the anticipated cost of making these buildings suitable for tenancy.

Decisions related to future use or sale of Metrolinx-acquired buildings/properties on the former LRT corridor will be at the direction of the province.

3. Why can't these properties/buildings be turned into affordable housing?

Upcoming demolitions are being undertaken in the interest of community safety. Due to the precarious state of these buildings, which have been long vacant and in various states of disrepair, the anticipated cost of making these buildings suitable for tenancy would be prohibitive.

BUILDING DEMOLITIONS, GENERAL

4. Who will complete the demolition work?

All contracts for upcoming demolitions were openly and competitively tendered, and have been awarded to Budget Demolition.

5. What are the impacts to the community?

Residents and businesses near demolition sites can anticipate increased noise from excavators and other construction equipment, and the removal of debris. The demolition contractor will abide by all City of Hamilton bylaws for dust mitigation to minimize the impact of dust.

6. Is there a rodent mitigation strategy?

Yes. Budget Demolition will implement a Pest Management Plan with mitigation measures implemented and monitored onsite. Any sighting of rats onsite will be addressed immediately, and a certified pest control contractor will be contacted immediately.

Budget Demolition's Project Manager, Site Supervisor and Health and Safety Manager will ensure compliance with the provisions of this plan.

7. When will the work take place? When will the work be completed?

Demolition work will occur on weekdays between 7am and 7pm. Scheduling of individual demolitions will be determined following permit approvals.

8. How and when will I receive notification if there is a demolition taking place in my neighbourhood?

Metrolinx Hamilton-Niagara Community Relations representatives will hand deliver notifications to all identified properties one week prior to precondition surveys and one to two weeks prior to demolition activity commencing. Construction signage, detours or closures will be installed in advance of the work taking place.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

9. Why did Metrolinx purchase these properties?

The former Hamilton LRT project required a number of full or partial property acquisitions to accommodate building future stops and to widen sections of the corridor to accommodate LRT and vehicle traffic and sidewalks. Metrolinx acquired 60 full properties required for the project ahead of cancelation in December 2019.

10. Will all properties purchased for the former LRT project be demolished?

Upcoming demolitions include 21 of the 60 full properties acquired for Hamilton LRT. Further information regarding the remaining properties owned by Metrolinx will be determined upon formal direction from the province.

Two additional buildings have been identified for demolition. These will take place in 2021 following a competitive bid process. A tender has not yet been released.

11. What will Metrolinx do with remaining properties not being demolished at this time?

Some of Metrolinx's properties remain occupied with residential tenants or commercial businesses and there are no further plans for these properties at this time.

Metrolinx continues to own and manage all existing properties, including the ones that are demolished, and will ensure they remain secured in a safe and clean manner.

Further information regarding the future of Metrolinx properties is not available at this time. This information will be available once formal direction is provided by the province.

Some remaining commercial structures owned by Metrolinx may be leased in the future, depending on their condition. Leasing inquiries may be sent to propertymanagement@metrolinx.com

12. *I'm a Metrolinx tenant. Who can I contact if I need assistance?*

If you need any assistance with your property or building regarding immediate building repairs or maintenance, call or email Achint at Del Management Solutions (DMS):

905-472-7300 ext.231 or Achint abindra@dmsproperty.com

13. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the demolitions or Metrolinx-owned properties in my neighbourhood?*

Please phone or email the Hamilton-Niagara Community Relations office: 905-521-1003 or Hamilton@metrolinx.com

After hours emergency contact:

If your request is urgent and after regular business hours, please contact DMS after-hours number at 905-570-9169

In case of emergency, trespassing, or illegal activity, please phone 911.