



Hamilton  
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## Call to Action

### Preventing Demolition by Neglect

The collapse of the Gore Buildings in November was a wake up call for the people of Hamilton. For years we had been pushing for some action on the Gore buildings to preserve them and make them, once again, part of the community. The actions of heritage groups were not backed up by the City of Hamilton, and, after a decade of being left open to the elements, they collapsed. Other designated buildings in Hamilton are being left to a similar fate. The Tivoli, 54 Hess Street South, 66-68 Charlton west, the buildings on the HMHC list of endangered buildings, and many in the outlying areas, are being left to the elements and their eventual demise. We need action now.

As a result of the collapse of the Gore Buildings, a motion was put forward by Mayor Horwath in the General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting November 20. The requested report by Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (HMHC) and STAFF will be presented March 19 at 9:30 am at the CIG , city hall. This report will be available Friday March 14. After GIC it will then go to council on March 26 for ratification.

The mayor and council are in place to uphold the wishes of the citizens. It is now up to us to take action and make sure they know how we, the citizens, feel. Here is how we can make sure the Gore disaster never happens again.

Calls to Action: Delegate to GIC if you are so moved

#### **Show up to GIC meeting at city hall March 19**

Write your councillor and the mayor about your concerns.

For GIC meeting please bring as many people as you can to council chambers at 9:30 am.

Please bring placards/signs saying "Stop Demolition By Neglect" or something similar. No poles or sticks attached.

Thanks and see you there.