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The Kensington Manor - Building Safety Status and Plan (PFC2019-0739) report at the 2019 June 17 Combined Meeting of Council was approved with the following:

1. The request of a 2019/2020 one-time Calgary Building Services Operating budget increase, as identified in Attachment 2, to fund the full cost of demolishing the building located at 321 10 Street NW;
2. The cost of the demolition to be interim financed by the City's 2019 Corporate Programs savings to date, with anticipated full recovery from the property tax roll of 321 10 Street NW;
3. That the closed meeting discussion and Attachment 2 remain confidential pursuant to Section 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, until six months after the transaction has closed; and
4. Directing Administration to report back to Council through the Priorities and Finance Committee, six months after demolition is complete, or if there is a material change on site but in any event, not later than September 2020.

Background

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the demolition of the Kensington Manor residential building located at 321 10 Street NW. This is a vacant seven storey building originally constructed in 1969 with commercial spaces on the main floor and 57 residential rental units up above. Kensington Manor was reviewed in 2017 by a structural engineer on behalf of the property owner for structural concerns related to the balconies. A larger and significantly more serious issue was discovered by the engineer related to the floors and the roof. On 2017 November 23, the engineer advised The City that the building was structurally compromised and the building was then evacuated.

In the absence of building remediation or demolition by the property owner, Administration determined that public safety warranted Administration to take an active role in the oversight and management of the safety concerns at this site and to oversee the demolition of the building.

Council approved a one-time operating budget increase of \$3,000,000 in June 2019 to cover expenditures related to the demolition of Kensington Manor. The cost of the demolition is financed by The City's 2019 Corporate Programs savings, with anticipated recovery from the property tax roll of 321 10 Street NW.