



MEDIA RELEASE

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101-105 Barton Street East

Early this morning (May 30, 2024), the City's Customer Contact Centre received a call with details about a building located at 101-105 Barton Street East. Specifically, brick and stone from the second storey front façade was falling onto the sidewalk below. City of Hamilton Building Division staff arrived immediately and joined Hamilton Fire and Hamilton Police Service, who were already on site. We are relieved there have been no reported injuries as a result of the falling brick and stone.

101 Barton Street East is a two-storey, mixed-use building, with five occupied residential units in total; two on the main floor and three units on the second storey. There is one vacant commercial unit on the main floor.

There are currently road and sidewalk closures in effect on Barton Street East between Catharine and Mary Streets.

An initial assessment of the damage appears to be limited to the second storey front façade and parapet. Following this initial assessment and for precautionary reasons, tenants have been instructed to enter/exit through the rear exit doorways on the main floor and the second storey. There is no requirement for tenants to vacate their units at this time

Building Division staff have been in contact with the building owner and their insurance company to secure the site. Staff have issued an Order to Comply with the requirement for the owner to hoard/prevent access to the front door and entrances, remove any loose debris from the front façade and parapet, and provide an Engineer's report regarding the structural stability. We expect to have the Engineer's report by end-of-day today.

Building Division staff continue to monitor the situation and will review the Engineer's report as diligently and as quickly as possible for any required next steps.

The City of Hamilton's top priority is the safety of the community. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of the affected residents and of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in the area, while the lane and sidewalk closures are in effect.