



DFA Engineering Services Inc.

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John Buck, CBCO
Chief Building Official
City of Ottawa
101 Centrepointe Drive, 2nd Floor
Nepean, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Buck:

Re.: URGENT - Immediate Risk to Public Safety
Date of Loss: 30 November 2021
Address of Concern: 323 Daley Avenue, Ottawa
Our File Ref.: DFA21-370C

DFA Engineering Services Inc. was retained by the property owner, Jordan Ferraro, on 2 December 2021, to provide a structural assessment of the building at the above-noted address, following a recent fire. A report of our findings and recommendations was issued on 14 December 2021. Our report concluded that the fire has destabilized the building, subsequently causing it to be in a state of immediate risk of collapse.

We understand that authorization for demolition has not yet been granted, and that the building remains in its state of catastrophic risk of failure. This letter is to convey our strong opinion that there is an immediate and significant risk to the public posed by the destabilized structure. Shifting and unpredictable environmental changes, such as the recent record-breaking snowfall, further elevate the risk of an uncontrolled and dangerous collapse. Collapse of the structure is a major safety risk to pedestrians, nearby residents, and surrounding properties.

We urge that the demolition proceed immediately to prevent harm and loss of life or property. Demolition is to be undertaken with heavy machinery by a specialised demolition contractor.

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss our concerns further, please advise. In the meantime, we thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Yours very truly,

DFA Engineering Services Inc.

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