

A city skyline at sunset, with buildings illuminated and reflected in the water. A large, semi-transparent gear-shaped graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue.

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Community Standards Compliance: Mid-year Update



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Presentation Overview

- Existing Programs & Ongoing Pilots
- Dangerous and Vacant Buildings
- Minimum Property Standards
- Community Standards
- Summary



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Community Standards Compliance Programs

Dangerous and Vacant Building Program

Inspection and management of the condition of vacant and dangerous buildings.

Management of the unsightly repair program for vacant buildings.

Minimum Property Standards Program

Inspection of and enforcement of safety and maintenance standards within occupied rental buildings.

Community Standards Program

Inspection, investigation and enforcement of unsightly premises.

Zoning by-law complaints.

Serious dog control cases.

Other property-related matters.

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Ongoing 2024 Pilots

Community Enhancement Pilot - 15 Months

- 2 Positions Approved: June 26, 2023
- Dates Onboarded: December 11, 2023 & January 29, 2024
- Programs Enhanced: Dangerous and Vacant Building & Minimum Property Standards Programs

Expanded Community Standards Program - 24 Months

- 1 Position Approved: November 27, 2023
- Date Onboarded: February 20, 2024
- Program Enhanced: Community Standards Program (focus on Unsightly Premises & Zoning)





COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PILOT

Dangerous and Vacant Buildings

- New Technical Services Junior Engineer added December for 15 months.
- Seeking improved results, increased Unsightly Repair efforts.
- Focus on areas of priority.





DANGEROUS AND VACANT BUILDING PROGRAM

Results YTD

Item	2023 Results	2024 Results YTD	2024 Targets
Cases Resolved	47	29	60
Percent Repaired & Reoccupied	66%	76%	75%
Dangerous Buildings Notices	1	3	--
Unsightly Repair Notices	3	4	10



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PILOT

Minimum Property Standards



New Minimum Property Standards Inspector added January 2024. (15 months)



New cases generated based on proactive approach.



Focus on priority areas:

- Lower West
- North End
- South Central Peninsula



MINIMUM PROPERTY STANDARDS PROGRAM

Results YTD

Item	2023 Results	2024 Results YTD	2024 Targets
Cases Resolved	35	29	65
New Cases Added	47	56	100
Units Safe	137	118	250



EXPANDED COMMUNITY STANDARDS PROGRAM

Community Standards

- New Standards Officer added February 2024.
- Double program capacity for 24-month period.
- Zoning By-law enforcement procedures being streamlined.





COMMUNITY STANDARDS PROGRAM

Results YTD

Item	2023 Results	2024 Results YTD	2024 Targets
Unsightly Premises Resolved	115	141	250
Zoning Resolved	10	38	50
Notices to Comply Issued	1	3	--

Summary

- Projected to surpass 2023 results & achieve pilot objectives.
- Demonstrating benefit to the community through results.
- Positively impacting Council's Grow & Belong priorities.



A woman in a grey sweater and dark pants is walking a large, speckled dog on a leash across a city street. The street is lined with historic, multi-story buildings. On the left, there are red brick buildings with arched windows and a stone building with a decorative facade. On the right, there is a large stone building with classical columns and a modern brick building in the background. A street sign for 'TU CK DECOR + FURNITURE STORE' is visible on the right. The sky is overcast.

Questions?