

Demolition and Construction Impacts on Neighbourhoods

Checklist for Performance Appraisal of City Departments, Project Proponents, and Contractors

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Below is a checklist for citizens to rate the performance of the various parties involved in demolition and/or construction in a residential neighbourhood, based on previous experience in Vancouver communities. The purpose of this appraisal sheet is to promote citizen awareness of what constitute good and bad performance, to alert communities in advance to the issues they will be facing, and to assist citizens in communicating with the City and companies involved. It is hoped that overall standards will improve in Vancouver as a result of higher awareness among all parties.

More information on these topics is posted here:

<http://cityhallwatch.wordpress.com/special-topics/demolition-its-impacts-recycling-and-vancouver-building-by-law/> (shortcut: <http://wp.me/P18o1P-EE>)

This document is a work in progress. Suggestions are welcome to CityHallWatch at citizenYVR@gmail.com

Site address and/or identifying information: _____

Property owner: _____ (company name)

Demolition firm: _____ (company name)

General contractor for construction: _____ (company name)

City inspector: _____ (Name or position of inspector assigned)

Date or period of work: _____

Type of work (demolition, construction, etc.) _____

Rating scheme is from 1 (very unacceptable) to 5 (excellent)

Issue	Rating (1 to 5)	Comment
Company provided adequate advance notification to the neighbourhood about the work		
Names of companies and contact information is posted visibly		
Companies made an effort to respond to neighbours' concerns		
Companies used demolition/construction methods that minimized impacts on the community.		

Companies responded quickly to citizen concerns.		
Information to the public about work scheduling was adequate		
Noise levels were acceptable		
Dust levels were acceptable		
Hazards were eliminated		
Traffic disturbances were minimized		
Ground vibrations were acceptable		
Work hours and days were not disruptive		
Environmental considerations were adequate		
Heritage components were adequately protected		
Workers were polite and avoided disturbing neighbours		
Safety was protected at all times		
City inspectors responded quickly, politely, appropriately, and resolved citizen concerns		
The City enforced relevant bylaws to protect the public interest		
Do the companies (property owner, developer, demolition contractor, etc.) on their websites indicate their ethical and performance standards (environment, sustainability, recycling, respect for communities)		

More points to be incorporated in new versions:

- Advance warning re hazardous or disruptive activity (beyond the normal notice). Special posting as to what hazards there are and how they are being dealt with, same for noise pollution, any parking or access disruption, odours/fumes, etc protection of electrical, neighbouring properties, etc site security.
- Information about Worksafe compliance and insurance