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City grants Sport Manitoba demolition permit for heritage building

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Sport Manitoba occupies the five-storey building on the left. The three-storey building on the right is slated to be demolished to make way for a fieldhouse.

WINNIPEG - Sport Manitoba has obtained a demolition permit for the three-storey heritage building that stands next to its new offices on Pacific Avenue.

The non-profit organization wants to demolish part of the former Smart Bag Company Warehouse – a Grade III heritage building – to make way for its new fieldhouse.

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Sport Manitoba backed off the demolition request last year, at the behest of the province. But the city's historical buildings committee agreed to the demolition in principle.

The non-profit organization submitted a new demolition request this year. City staff granted it based on the previous agreement, a spokeswoman for the planning, property and development department said.

Fire officials have also deemed the structure unsafe, she said.

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