

Closed Bedford food market sues insurer over damage claim

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A former Bedford food market is suing its insurer for more than \$135,000 in damages not paid after a 2012 fire.

In a lawsuit filed at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Monday, **Persepolis Food Market Inc.** claimed it had a policy with **Aviva Canada Inc.** to cover losses “for business contents, including leasehold improvements and business coverage.”

The food market claims the insurance company has refused to cover about \$85,000 in losses detailed by **FirstOnSite Restoration** and has refused to provide money for certain remedial work carried out by FirstOnSite.

Fire broke out at 1225 Bedford Highway on Feb. 7, 2012, destroying part of the one-storey building that housed Persepolis and **To Do** Vietnamese restaurant.

An electrical fault in the ceiling above the restaurant started the blaze, and investigators ruled it an accidental fire.

The building’s owner decided not to rebuild, so Persepolis did not reopen after the fire, Barry Mason, lawyer for the plaintiff, said Monday.

His client is seeking special damages of \$135,043.01 (which also includes a claim for business interruption), unspecified general and punitive damages, pre-judgment interest and court costs.