

Fund for Environmental Remediation

(City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Works Committee recommends the endorsement of the initiative outlined in the communication dated October 27, 1999, from Mr. Cosmo Mannella, LIUNA Canadian Tri Fund, embodied in the following communication (November 3, 1999) from the City Clerk, such fund to be established in the context of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities infrastructure budget proposals:

The Works Committee on November 3, 1999, had before it a communication (October 27, 1999) from Mr. Cosmo Mannella, Labourers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Canadian Tri Fund, requesting the opportunity to give a presentation to the Works Committee on LIUNA's efforts to have the Federal Government establish a fund for environmental remediation, similar to the U.S. Superfund.

The Committee:

- (1) endorsed, in principle, the initiative outlined in the aforementioned communication with a request that Mr. Mannella be invited to appear before the Committee at its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999; and
- (2) suggested that Mr. Mannella also contact the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with respect thereto.

(Communication dated October 27, 1999, addressed to
Councillor Betty Disero from
Mr. Cosmo Mannella, LIUNA Canadian Tri Fund)

As I indicated in our telephone conversation, I am writing this memo to request that I be placed on the Works Committee agenda for a brief presentation on LIUNA's efforts to have the Federal Government establish a fund for environmental remediation, similar to the U.S. Superfund.

The Superfund in the United States is a legislated fund designed specifically for environmental clean-up and development. We are soliciting the support of municipalities, particularly Toronto and Hamilton in our efforts. Both Toronto and Hamilton would benefit from such a fund by reducing the cost of development. This is of particular importance to the development of affordable or assisted housing in our City given the urgent need for such housing.

We would like to have your Committee and City Council endorse our efforts with a simple statement of support now and perhaps joint lobbying efforts in the near future.

Mr. Cosmo Mannella, Labourers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Canada Tri Fund, appeared before the Works Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.