

Ref: 2008-MM24.6

September 30, 2008

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on September 24 and 25, 2008, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

MM24.6 Requesting a Public Inquiry Surrounding the Circumstances of the Sunrise Propane Explosion
Moved by Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Ford

SUMMARY:

The Sunrise Propane Explosion revealed a number of shortcomings.

Initially, there was a lot of finger pointing as to who was responsible for allowing this facility to operate.

In the past, the pre-amalgamated Cities of York and Toronto undertook to legislate propane facilities, but were challenged by the industry with the support of the Provincial Government.

The Provincial Government is responsible for safety issues through the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and we are now finding out all types of new information which indicate significant shortcomings of this Provincial body.

All orders of Government are responsible for good government and the protection of its citizens.

Clearly this has not happened and there are more questions than answers.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the citizens of Toronto, through their elected representatives of the City of Toronto, request the Province of Ontario to conduct a formal Public Inquiry surrounding the circumstances of the Sunrise Propane Explosion.

for City Clerk

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