

October 2, 2008

Members of the Executive Committee:

As you know, on August 10, 2008 a significant propane blast and fire affected the Downsview community and over 12,000 of its residents. On behalf of the community I represent, I wish to once again extend my highest praise to Toronto Fire, EMS, Police, City Divisions, Canadian Red Cross and other emergency responders for their exemplary response. What initially began as a catastrophic occurrence quickly became a stable situation thanks to their dedicated efforts.

Over the past few weeks, I have been talking to residents and sharing information. Some questions remain unresolved. Frustration over 'why' and 'how' this disaster happened is still running high. However, it is clear that the current propane regulatory system is inadequate, lacks appropriate oversight and is prone to failure.

Considerable thought and consultation resulted in a list of recommendations from the Downsview community. I have attached this list and ask that the following motion be considered by the Executive Committee:

***that the City Manager, in consultation with the appropriate City Divisions, review the attached recommendations and report back.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maria Augimeri".

Maria Augimeri,  
Toronto City Councillor