

September 2, 2008

**To:** Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

**From:** Executive Committee

**Subject:** Update on the Engineering Review Addressing Basement Flooding

The Executive Committee on September 2, 2008, during its consideration of a report (August 18, 2008) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, entitled "Update on the Engineering Review Addressing Basement Flooding"; amongst other things, referred the following motion by Councillor DeBaeremaeker on behalf of Councillor Palacio, to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for consideration:

“That:

I. Recommendation 15 contained in the report (August 18, 2008) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, be amended to read as follows:

“15. The Executive Director of Municipal Licensing & Standards, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Water, the Chief Building Official and the City Solicitor, report on any appropriate amendments to the Property Standards Bylaw to create consistency with any proposed zoning bylaw changes respecting reverse sloped driveways and that this report include recommendations regarding the removal of existing reversed sloped driveways, particularly incentives for their removal at the homeowner's expense in consultation with the General Manager of Transportation.

II. City Council also adopt the following recommendations:

1. catch basins on Nairn Avenue, Harvie Avenue and Chudleigh Road be cleaned at all times;
2. applications filed for the City's Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program in Study Area No. 3 be processed as soon as possible to help guard against basement flooding, such as backflow prevention valves;
3. Toronto Water Officials be requested to expedite the environmental assessment process by scheduling the required Environment Assessment Public Meeting at the earliest possible time, in the affected Study Area No. 3;

4. combined sewer system to be flushed down constantly, road to be swept and washed to avoid accumulation of construction and leaf debris that block catch basins;
  5. holding tanks to be vacuumed constantly and vacuum equipment to be on standby, whenever rainstorms are forecasted;
  6. residents be encouraged to apply for the Back Flow Prevention Program.
- III. In the terms of the process by which the combined sewer projects will be prioritized, what is being approved is a guideline that will be executed at the sole discretion of the General Manager, Toronto Water.

Background:

The Executive Committee at its meeting held on September 2, 2008, considered:

1. a report (August 18, 2008) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, entitled "Update on the Engineering Review Addressing Basement Flooding"; and
2. a communication (September 2, 2008) from Matilda Meneses, Alex & Beng Yongca, Lucia & Carlos Rodas.

Mr. Lou Di Gironimo, General Manager, Toronto Water, provided a presentation to the Executive Committee on the Engineering Review addressing Basement Flooding and submitted a copy of his presentation material.

The following persons addressed the Executive Committee:

Mr. Dinis Correia  
Ms. Maria Almeida  
Mr. Mitch Guimaraes  
Mr. Byron Paz  
Councillor Cliff Jenkins, Ward 25, Don Valley West  
Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17, Davenport  
Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24, Willowdale

City Clerk

Item No. EX23.16

Att.