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Chair and Members
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
10th Floor West Tower
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Queen Street West
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Re: Request for Inclusion of Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest 2007 Environmental Assessment Recommendations on the Basement Flooding Priority List

Dear Councillor Minnan-Wong and Committee Members,

In July and August 2012, more than 350 homes in Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest experienced basement flooding due to severe rainfall. This caused sewage backup in many basements and resulted in significant financial burden to homeowners, many of whom have experienced numerous instances of flooding in the past several years.

As you are aware, a city-wide work plan was approved by City Council in April 2006 to address storm water management and basement flooding. The work plan identified 32 priority study areas where Environmental Assessments were to be completed and remediation measures recommended by Toronto Water. Some studies are complete, others underway or still to be initiated.

In a meeting with Toronto Water staff on August 30, 2012, I learned that in 2007, an Environmental Assessment was completed for Ward 36 with the objective of managing the impacts of combined sewer overflow, storm water discharges and identifying the potential causes for basement and surface flooding. Recommended solutions for five specific areas in Ward 36 were approved in 2011 at a cost of \$9.4 million. These recommended solutions included such things as the replacement of existing storm sewers, sewer separation and the installation of in-line storage tanks.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognizing that areas in Ward 36, Scarborough Southwest have been severely impacted by recent flooding, and an Environmental Assessment was approved in 2011, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee request the General Manager of Toronto Water add this Environmental Assessment to the basement flooding project prioritization list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gary Crawford".

Councillor Gary Crawford
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