

July 14, 2019

To: Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Cc: Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development

Agenda IE6.17 - Insurance Bureau of Canada - Presentation Request, Basement Flooding
Agenda IE6.7 – Don River and Central Waterfront Accelerated Plan
June 27, 2019 Decision:

Dear Councillor Pasternak and members of the committee,

I am writing to you today with a message on behalf of many of our commercial properties in the Entertainment District and South Core area regarding the City's downtown failing infrastructure and resulting flooding particularly in the areas of Front Street West, Simcoe Street underpass and Bremner Blvd.

Many of the properties in this area are large public venues where not only does flooding cause a public safety concern but it also causes significant business loss resulting in insurance claims and subsequent escalating rate increases.

On February 15, 2019, I, along with a number of our large venue and commercial building operators met with Tracey Cook, Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure & Development along with Lou Di Gironimo, General Manager, Toronto Water to express our serious concerns about the City's failing infrastructure. It was a productive meeting where mitigation measures within the property sites and the City infrastructure upgrades were discussed. We stressed the importance of the acceleration and prioritizing of the City downtown flood mitigation plans.

Specific to two of your June 27, 2019 decisions:

- Agenda IE6.17 - Insurance Bureau of Canada - Presentation Request – Basement Flooding
- Agenda IE6.7 – Don River and Central Waterfront Accelerated Plan
 - Please include downtown flooding and our downtown commercial sites into the discussion when inviting the Insurance Bureau to come and speak with the committee about extreme weather events and basement flooding
 - We strongly endorse the Don River and Central Waterfront Accelerated Plan as it will improve sewer capacity to service development in Toronto's downtown and along the central waterfront

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Sincere regards,



Janice Solomon
Executive Director
Toronto Entertainment District BIA

CC: Councillor's - Mike Colle, Mike Layton, Jennifer McKelvie, Denzil Minna-Wong, Anthony Perruzza
Deputy City Manager, Tracey Cook
General Manager, Water, Lou Di Geronimo