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# Revised EX7.3.2

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Thursday July 4, 2019

**Re: EX7.3 - Crescent Town Pedestrian Bridge Review**

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee:

On Saturday November 17, 2018 around 6 a.m. my community narrowly avoided tragedy when a portion of the Massey Square pedestrian bridge collapsed. The bridge connected Crescent Town Elementary with the nearby residential apartments and was jointly owned by the Toronto District School Board and Bleeman Holdings. With the school just steps away, we are very lucky that this collapse happened in the early morning on a weekend – at any other time the results could have been tragic.

We need to be able to trust the ground we walk on.

The Internal Audit report before you contains important findings on the lessons learned from this incident. I am asking the City Council to adopt my recommendations directing staff to implement the findings of the Internal Audit report immediately. Those findings include a call for action I hope will ensure: better communication between divisions for structural inspections, clearer standards on enforcing building standards issues, and better enforcement for our work orders. The recommendations also call for a public meeting with the residents of Crescent Town to give them the answers and assurance they deserve after being shaken by these events.

As with many issues in our city we also need the support of our provincial government to implement regulations to help achieve our objectives. By calling for the Province to implement the Building Condition Evaluation program - a tool that emerged from the 2017 Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry - our ability to protect public safety on pedestrian bridges will be strengthened.

Thank you for your support,

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**Recommendations:**

Councillor Bradford recommends:

1. City Council direct the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to implement the recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report, "Crescent Town Pedestrian Bridge Review" by the end of 2019.
2. City Council direct the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to identify any additional areas where roles and responsibilities overlap, and revise any associated policies and procedures, in order to mitigate against future exposures.
3. City Council direct the Director, Internal Audit, and the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building, and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to hold a City-sponsored public meeting in Crescent Town in the third quarter of 2019 to:
  - a. share the findings and recommendations of the Crescent Town Bridge Internal Audit Review;
  - b. provide an update on Toronto Building and Municipal Licensing and Standards Divisions implementation of the Internal Audit recommendations; and
  - c. invite the Toronto District School Board and Bleeman Holdings/Pinedale Properties to provide an update on the replacement plans for the bridge
4. City Council request the Director of Internal Audit to review any additional documents or information provided by former councillor Janet Davis.