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**City Council**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

MM36.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Bringing the responsibilities of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) Under the Direct Control of the Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services - Councillor Augimeri, seconded by Councillor Rae**

- Notice of this Motion has been given.*
- This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Augimeri, seconded by Councilor Rae, recommends:

1. That City Council recommend to the Government of Ontario that the responsibilities of the Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) be brought back under the direct authority of the Provincial Government's Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services.

**Summary**

On August 10, 2008, a massive blast occurred at Sunrise Propane on Murray Road in Downsview. At the time of the explosion, the site was under the watch of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), a Delegated Authority of the Provincial Government.

During the 1990's, the administration of safety standards related to fuel was removed from direct Provincial Ministry management and oversight by Premier Mike Harris, and was delegated to the TSSA.

Recent audit results of the TSSA related to propane facilities across the Province revealed that almost half the sites designated for inspection were no longer in operation and 30 sites were closed down due to "immediate hazards".

Following the Walkerton Inquiry, Justice Dennis O'Connor expressed the need for "effective provincial government regulation and oversight" as a key measure of reducing public health risk.

The TSSA's accountability has come into question as the Provincial Auditor General in the December 2008 Report, makes note that there has been "inadequate assurance that public safety

and consumers were properly protected by industry oversight organizations".

The direct government administration and oversight of the safety related standards of fuels is the most appropriate structure for the assurance of public safety.

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