MOTION

Re: Ashbridges Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Study Completion

Chair and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

The Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant (ABTP) provides over 800 million litres per day of wastewater treatment capacity through a series of treatment procedure which includes screening, grit removal, primary and secondary treatment by conventional activated sludge process, chemical removal and chlorine disinfection of effluent.

In 1997, the City undertook an Environmental Assessment (EA) study that resulted in an ABTP Mediation Agreement that recognized UV disinfection as an option for tertiary treatment of wastewater. In 2009, the City further undertook a Class EA, Schedule B study to evaluate options for tertiary treatment of wastewater before releasing back into Lake Ontario, which the treated water will be recycled as drinking water for Toronto and York Region residents.

As the local City Councillor for Beaches/East York, Ward 32, I am requesting that this important Class EA study be brought forward to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and City Council before releasing its Environmental Assessment Study to the public in summer/fall of 2010.

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Council Speaker
City Councillor, Beaches - East York - Ward 32