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July 2, 2013

Executive Committee
City of Toronto
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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RE: Executive Committee Agenda Item EX33.22, July 3, 2013

Dear Executive Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the recommendations to implement the proposed Residential Energy Retrofit Pilot Program.

In the past it has proven difficult to achieve deep energy savings in the residential sector but the proposed program has the potential to generate significant savings as it provides access to up front capital that is associated with the property and not the resident. As such, this new type of financing allows residents to implement actions that pay back beyond their ownership of the property and thus has the potential to achieve significant reductions in energy use. I cannot stress enough that this type of project financing that spans the individuals' ownership of a property, can only be provided by a municipality and as such would provide the only opportunity for many residents to undertake significant energy efficiency upgrades. As you can expect, these energy savings also significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and their associated impact on the environment.

Initiatives like the proposed Residential Energy Retrofit Pilot Program would also greatly complement existing residential engagement projects such as The Black Creek Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) project in Toronto's Jane-Finch area. The SNAP's "Harvest the Rain" residential retrofit program, launched this spring, and is effectively engaging owners of single detached homes in undertaking a variety of stormwater, water and energy retrofits, and could serve to assist in piloting the proposed program.

Innovative programming, like the Residential Energy Retrofit Pilot Program provides a classic win-win-win situation. It provides a win for residents, a win for the City and a win for the environment. I am pleased to be able to lend our support for this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Denney".

Brian Denney, P.Eng
Chief Executive Officer