



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM37.51	ACTION			Ward:All
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Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Water to consider an increase in subsidy levels within the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program to account for inflationary pressures that more closely reflect construction cost increases, as part of the 2014 Toronto Water Capital Budget submission.

Summary

The City of Toronto's Basement Flooding Subsidy Program offers owners of single-family, duplex and triplex residential homes a financial subsidy of up to \$3,200 per property to install flood protection devices including a backwater valve, a sump pump, and pipe severance and capping of the home's storm sewer or external weeping tile connection.

With the increasing frequency of extreme storm events experienced in the City of Toronto, including the storm of July 8, 2013, which resulted in over 3,800 complaints of basement flooding, it is essential that the City encourage homeowners to take the appropriate action to reduce their risk of basement flooding on their own private property, by isolating their homes from the City's sewer system.

Subsidy levels in the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program were last increased in 2008, as follows:

1. Installation of sewer backwater valves was increased by \$250, to a maximum of \$1,250; and
2. Installation of a sump pump was increased by \$250, to a maximum of \$1,750.

This subsidy program was designed to cover 80 percent of the invoiced cost of installation for flood protection devices. To account for inflationary increases in the cost of installation of

basement flooding protection devices since 2008, there is a need to increase subsidy levels in the program.

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Background Information (City Council)

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