



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

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"Cause and Effect" of the Water Damage to Properties Particularly in the West End - by Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, seconded by Mayor Rob Ford

- * *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

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, seconded by Mayor Rob Ford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager and the General Manager, Toronto Water to report to the Public Works Committee on September 11, 2013 on the condition of the sewer systems and storm water storage capabilities within the areas of the City, particularly in Etobicoke York, that were most affected by the recent storm.
2. City Council direct the City Manager to investigate possible Federal, Provincial or Municipal funding support that may be available for residents that have experienced severe damage to their property by the record rain fall that occurred on Monday, July 8, 2013 and report to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 24, 2013.

Summary

In view of the fact that Toronto incurred a "hurricane hazel" like deluge in 2005, and now again on Monday, July 8, 2013, an overall review of Toronto's water infrastructure spending is in order.

Between 2004 and today, Council has approved 9 percent hikes to the annual water rates. A planned drop to 3 percent as of 2015 requires further consideration.

Although the Toronto Water division has been forthright in presenting the realities and costs of wet weather flow management, a definitive long-term plan has not been approved by City Council.

It would be an abrogation of Council responsibilities if we do not request City Management to once again spell out the more immediate steps to be taken to bring Toronto's ability to handle and absorb water downpours in short term periods of time into being.

It would also be useful if staff could further analyze and report on how previous improvements performed adequately and in what areas of water management prove to be inadequate.

Finally, a prioritization plan should be considered in regards to the identification and geographical mapping of areas most in need of upgrading.

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Background Information (City Council)

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