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To: Chair, Councillor Jaye Robinson and Public Works Infrastructure Committee Members

Re: Portia Street (Ward 43) Storm Sewer Connection

Recommendation:

1. The Public Works Infrastructure Committee recommend Toronto City Council to direct Toronto Water and Engineering and Construction Services to review the private storm drainage conditions for the homes along Portia Street and to report back and recommend a drainage solution, complete with cost implications for the City.

Portia Street, located in Ward 43, was developed in accordance with the Sewer Use By-Law (Toronto Municipal Code - Chapter 681), requiring homes built after 2005 to have sub pumps installed to avoid stress on the City's storm water system. All of the homes in this particular sub division are not directly connected to a storm sewer and rely on sump pumps to discharge foundation drainage to the ground surface.

Water pooling onto sidewalks and the local road, resulting in winter ice build up, is being reported by the residents of Portia Street. If not managed appropriately, this situation can be hazardous for pedestrians and motorists alike.

I am requesting that Toronto Water make an exemption to allow the connection of these homes to the storm sewer, and consider the funding and implementation of the works required to resolve the private drainage system issues on the basis that the homes were allowed to be built, in this manner, by the City.

Sincerely,

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