

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Request for Report on Feasibility of Ensuring the Disconnection of Storm and Sanitary Laterals - by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Water, to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the second quarter of 2017 on the feasibility of changing the City's policy to require and ensure the disconnection of laterals at the time of demolition, such report should include background on the current disconnection policy, advantages and disadvantages of changing the policy, costs associated with any changes, statistics on the number of disconnections that have taken place in Toronto over the last five years and a review of policies in other municipalities.

**Summary**

The City of Toronto currently requires disconnection or 'capping' of old storm and sewer laterals when the new lateral connection is made. When a home or building is demolished, the storm and sewer laterals could remain open until they are properly disconnected. These 'uncapped' laterals may be a significant source of infiltration and cause of basement flooding. Some municipalities require proof of disconnection at the time of demolition in order to limit this source of infiltration into the sewer and sanitary systems.

This Motion requests the General Manager, Toronto Water, to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the current issue of infiltration caused by 'uncapped' laterals and to present solutions which would limit infiltration from this source, outlining the advantages and disadvantages of implementing these solutions.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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