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Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee City Hall - 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2 Sent Via Email: <u>pwic@toronto.ca</u>

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## Re: AGENDA ITEM PW11.14 - Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant - Biosolids Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Members of the Committee,

This letter is to indicate that the executive committee of Centennial Community and Recreation Association (CCRA) strongly supports Alternative #1, a new fluidized bed incinerator, as the preferred solution for biosolids management at the Highland Creek Treatment Plant (HCTP).

CCRA is in its 65<sup>th</sup> year of representing approximately 4,000 households in the Centennial Community of Ward 44, Scarborough. The HCTP began operations in 1956 within our community. The two incinerators, currently in use, are nearing the end of their service life and it is imperative that we move forward with a new incinerator to ensure long-term reliability.

This is the <u>third time</u> that an Environmental Assessment has been conducted to identify a preferred solution for management of biosolids at HCTP. We are hopeful that this will be the last EA on this matter and that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee will support the findings of the Environmental Assessment, which indicate that Alternative #1, a new incinerator, is the best choice on the basis of health, environment, social, technical and cost considerations.

We have been active participants in the public consultation process associated with the HCTP biosolids management Environmental Assessment and Health Impacts Assessment. We fully agree with the findings in "TM-13 Evaluation of Biosolids Management Alternatives" and the "Report from the General Manager", that indicate there is strong community support for Alternative #1, an incinerator upgrade at the HCTP. Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

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