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Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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Re: Military Trail Road Closure from Ellesmere Road to Highcastle Road for
Emergency Road and Watermain Repair.

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-61 to seek information regarding Contract: 16TW-OS-27CWD, Emergency Work - Military Trail Road Closure from Ellesmere Road to Highcastle Road for Emergency Road and Watermain Repair.

Residents are asking me why road work in Scarborough is not a priority. All residents no matter where they live need to be able to move efficiently and safely.

This past spring Toronto Water began work for the cleaning and relining of the watermain on Military Trail between East Highland Creek and Neilson Road. During this time a section of the watermain (west of the original work location) broke, which caused the road to collapse making it unsafe to open for vehicles; further closing access to Ellesmere Road. The damage or extent of the damage was not made clear until several weeks after the incident delaying time to have the road repaired and reopened.

I and my residents have been advised that this section will not open until the Fall of 2017 closing a major access point to the community for over 6 months. Additional road work is also being done in the same community making it increasingly difficult for residents.

I am requesting answers to the following questions:

1. Why is Military Trail not a priority to repair as is being done with other roads in downtown Toronto?
2. Why did it take several weeks for Toronto Water to advise Transportation Services Scarborough Division that a section of the road on Military Trail had collapsed making it unsafe to reopen causing undo delay for repair?
3. Why was this road repair not deemed an emergency for repair immediately instead of being pushed to Fall 2017?
4. Residents are reporting that no work is currently being done onsite, please advise if this is the case?
5. Why is the road and watermain work in this community not being harmonized to ensure that residents can safely and efficiently travel to and from their homes and are notices in place at the locations?
6. Advise if the road repairs on Military Trail can be addressed immediately for vehicle access?

Sincerely

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