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To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee Members

From: Councillor James Pasternak

Re: Sherman Campus Manhole 99

In Spring 2018, United Jewish Appeal (UJA) received the Water Service Infrastructure Agreement (WSIA) from City staff for execution. UJA completed and submitted the Agreement to Engineering Services along with the required securities on April 5, 2018. Work on the community centre project commenced in fall 2017 and was proceeding under a Conditional Permit. The site servicing permit was required to keep on schedule. On May 3, 2018 UJA was advised that a technical drafting error had been made by City Staff in the definition. Minor amendments were to be provided and a subsequent draft WSIA was in discussion. On May 15, 2018 the Site Servicing Permit was issued and servicing work commenced. In June 2018, Engineering staff noticed an update note on the plan provided by UJA regarding a connection at manhole 99 highlighting the internal drop structure in manhole 99. Engineering staff asked the applicant to revise to an external drop structure. However, at that point the connection had been installed, the building foundations were complete and the excavation had been backfilled. Engineering staff indicated that they did not feel this connection has been approved.

At the request of City staff, UJA retained independent third-party engineers (WSP) to evaluate the installation and comment on its compliance with City Standards. On November 28, 2018, the independent engineers report was submitted to Engineering Services staff. The report concluded that the installation, subject to rectification of some minor deficiencies, was compliant with City Standards. On February 15, 2019 Engineering Services responded to the independent engineers report. They may allow the drop structure to remain as long as further repairs/modifications are completed. The WSIA is a SPA pre-approval condition. Without Engineering Services sign off to Planning that the WSIA is in place, the applicant cannot satisfy the condition and obtain the full their Building Permit. They have been given a deadline of May 21, 2019 to obtain the final permit or they may be subject to a work stoppage that would result in a delay claim from the general contractor.

The Sherman Campus community centre is important community infrastructure that will benefit the community at large which being built primarily with donor funds.

Recommendations:

That the General Manager, Toronto Water along with the Executive Director Engineering and Construction Services schedule a joint meeting with the Mayor's office, the local City Councillor

and the applicant before the March 25th, 2019 City Council Meeting to expedite the resolution of technical issues surrounding Manhole 99 at the Sherman Campus 4588 Bathurst Street

Sincerely

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