

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Addressing Flooding Issues in the Rockcliffe Area - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.
* This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services to investigate flooding issues in the vicinity of Caledonia Road and Bowie Avenue, adjacent to the Canada Goose Plant, and within the Rockcliffe area to identify any possible short and long-term remedies and report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Summary

On July 17, 2019 several areas within the City of Toronto were impacted by severe flooding as a result of a sudden and significant amount of rainfall. In fact, a number of these areas experienced greater than 80 mm of rain, and 3 of the City of Toronto rain gauges identified that the rainfall was representative of a 1 in a 100 year storm event.

These specific areas, of Rockcliffe neighbourhood and the Caledonia and Bowie Road area have been suffering repeated impacts for numerous years, and on a more frequent basis than previously experienced.

It is important that the City work with residents, businesses and others to identify opportunities to find measures to assist in mitigating these impacts.

Urgency:

There is a significant concern that similar types of storm events may occur throughout the summer, as evidence over the past few years (2013 and 2017) where significant storms occurred throughout July and August. It is imperative that City Staff have direction to engage with these affected neighbourhoods in an effort to identify mitigation measures, during the high-risk storm event (summer) season.

Background Information (City Council)

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